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Liberal leadership candidate Justin Trudeau speaks in support of Calgary Centre Liberal candidate Harvey Locke on Tuesday. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

Byelection heating up

Popular place. Calgary Centre gets a visit from Justin Trudeau, after having seen high-profile appearances all month

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Growing national attention on the Calgary Centre byelection is raising the stakes and likely to boost voter turnout, according to local political scientists.

"I think it's going to motivate particularly voters for the Greens, the NDP and the Liberals," Lori Williams of Mount Royal University said Tuesday, shortly after Justin Trudeau spoke at a rally in support of Liberal candidate Harvey Locke.

Trudeau is the latest in a series of high-profile federal politicians to weigh in on the byelection, which has been attracting more and more interest from Canadians outside of Alberta.

That creates a "huge incentive" to vote, Williams said, especially for riding residents eager to show off a different side of Calgary, which has become known for routinely electing Conservatives in landslides.

But that stereotype is starting to change, according to Green Party candidate Chris Turner, who was pegged in a recent poll at a close third in the race with 25 per cent support.

"I think generally speaking people are kind of curious about Calgary these days," Turner said. "Our politics has been very exciting and unpredictable."

University of Calgary professor Barry Cooper questions the accuracy of that poll, but believes it could play into the Conservative candidate's hands.

"If the narrative is that Joan Crockatt is in a tight race, then that will have the effect of inspiring the Conservative voters to get out (and vote)," he said.

Locke, meanwhile, is playing up his second-place poll result and calling the election a "two-horse race."

For his part, NDP candidate Dan Meades said "we don't put any credence in these polls, at all."

Crockatt was unavailable for comment Tuesday.

The byelection is Monday, Nov. 26.

Quoted

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Horner mulls reopening talks with doctors

Health Minister Fred Horne says he will consider a request from doctors to go back to the bargaining table — but there's no extra money.

"I'm encouraged to see that the (Alberta Medical Association) wants to resume discussions, but I want to take some time to consider my response," Horne told reporters Tuesday.

"I want to emphasize that the additional funding that we provided, the $463 million, is in fact the most we have available."

AMA president Dr. Michael Giuffre told reporters earlier in the day in Calgary that he had written to Horne calling for a resumption of talks with a deadline by the end of the year.

Giuffre called the five-year deal imposed last Friday on doctors a step back in terms of pay and in policy. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Sanctuary

Wild rabbits saved from death

An animal-rescue group says it has found sanctuary for some feral rabbits being killed in an Alberta mountain town.

Canmore recently started trapping and killing the creatures to curb their out-of-control population.

Susan Vickery with the Earth Animal Rescue Society says a couple with a farm north of Calgary is willing to take in as many as 50 rabbits. And she's hoping other people will soon come forward with offers of more space.

Canmore says it plans to continue with the pest-control program.
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Police Const. Darren Smith is asking Calgarians to be on the lookout for "too-good-to-be-true deals" on high-end watches after a robbery at Market Mall this month. LISA WILTON/METRO

Dramatic video released in watch heist at mall

Break-in. Suspects sought in Nov. 5 robbery of $100,000 worth of product

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Calgary police have released wild CCTV footage of a brazen robbery at Market Mall earlier this month.

The video shows a white Dodge Journey SUV smashing through the main north entrance of the shopping complex.

Police are hoping someone will come forward with information about the crime, which took place just before 4 a.m. on Nov. 5.

At least two individuals are wanted in connection with the break-in, which saw $100,000 worth of high-end watches stolen from Jewels By Maxime's.

"My hope is the public can give us information about the whereabouts of that vehicle before (the break-in), as well as if they come in contact with any high-end watches," said Const. Darren Smith.

Smith declined to specify the brands of watches, but said the stolen items were very expensive.

"At some point the people involved are going to have to try to sell these watches. We're hoping that some keen member of the public is able to identify an offer that's too good to be true and call the police."

The Dodge Journey, which received extensive damage by backing through the mall doors to get in, was located in Varsity with less than 10 of the roughly 50 watches that were stolen.

Investigators believe the vehicle was stolen during a break-in at a Rocky Ridge residence on Oct. 29 or 30.

The SUV was possibly in the area of Northmount Drive and 14 Street SW and may have met up with a black truck and a white or grey Dodge Caravan on the evening of Nov. 3.

Got a tip?

- Anyone with information is asked to contact the police by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or texting tttTIPS to 274637.
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An image captured by a security camera of a van smashing through the north entrance of Market Mall. CONTRIBUTED

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Declined offer frustrates HPV advocates

Parents should be able to ask questions of experts when it comes to the HPV vaccine, doctors from the University of Calgary's Faculty of Medicine said Tuesday.

"They need information about what might happen if their children don't get vaccinated and whether the vaccine is safe and if it works," said legal scholar Juliet Guichon, during an information session at the Parkdale Community Centre.

Guichon organized Tuesday's event after the Catholic School Board declined an offer from advocacy group HPV Calgary and Faculty of Medicine dean Dr. Jon Meddings to provide Catholic school parents the opportunity to ask medical experts about the human papillomavirus and its vaccine.

Calgary Catholic school board chair Mary Martin told Meddings in a letter the board was providing its own information to parents.

Quoted

"Perhaps the greatest suffering is to see your children suffer as you have."

Audrey Farrier, HPV patient

Audrey Farrier and Rose Penlington shared stories Tuesday of how the virus has affected their lives.

"Perhaps the greatest suffering is to see your children suffer as you have," said a teary-eyed Farrier, who contracted HPV through sexual abuse as a teenager.

Her first son Marco was born after only 22 weeks gestation because her cervix was too weak to hold the weight of a pregnancy.

Calgary Bishop Fred Henry has turned down numerous interview requests from Metro but issued a statement last month, saying: "We encourage parents to be fully informed about the medical facts of the Gardasil vaccine and all the related issues." LISA WILTON/METRO

HPV patients Audrey Farrier and Rose Penlington are encouraging parents to vaccinate their children against the human papillomavirus. LISA WILTON/METRO

Police release educational video

Acting Det. Richard Thorpe was featured in an educational video on Calgary's homeless. The video was recently released to the public. YOUTUBE.COM

Series. Documentary is the first of three on homelessness that will be released by the Calgary Police Service

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A tool used to educate new officers is now being used to educate the general public after the Calgary Police Service released the first in a documentary series about issues of homelessness.

The nearly 15-minute-long video Homeless In Calgary follows Rosemary and Roy, two homeless Calgarians dealing with addiction and mental-health issues, and the officers that interact with them.

"What we've used these videos for is educating our recruits around homelessness and mental-health issues," said Sgt. Erin Partridge of the Vulnerable Persons Team and the Police in Crisis Team.

Partridge said the videos were originally produced in 2009 when the Vulnerable Persons Team was founded, but it was released to the public on Monday, and has warranted great feedback from members of the public.

Monday releases

- Two other videos in the three-part series will be released on each of the next two Mondays.
- You can find the video on the Calgary Police Service YouTube channel.
- As of Tuesday afternoon, the video had nearly 1,100 views.

One of the officers featured in the video, acting Det. Richard Thorpe, said working on the downtown beat team was an education for him as well.

"I certainly didn't have a huge appreciation for what these people went through on a daily basis or what their lives are like, and so we really started to make an effort to delve into it."

Tim Richter, head of the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness, said the video helps shed light on the fact that police aren't there simply to enforce.

"I think this is a product of really smart and proactive way of policing with vulnerable people that Calgary police have been doing for a few years."

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Soldier wounded while training thought Taliban were attacking

A soldier wounded during a fatal training accident in Afghanistan more than two years ago says he thought his platoon was under attack by the Taliban.

Master Cpl. William Pylypow told a Calgary court martial he was in a direct line behind a Claymore C19 anti-personnel device when it went off on Feb. 12, 2010.

"We always presume it's Taliban, so I thought they got to us," Pylypow said Tuesday.

He was only a metre away from Cpl. Josh Baker, 24, who died when the Claymore, packed with 700 steel balls, raked the Canadian Forces platoon on a range four kilometres north of Kandahar city.

Guilt not proven: Lawyer

- Watts' lawyer, Balfour Der, said his assessment is the prosecution has not succeeded in establishing his client's guilt.
- Military prosecutor Maj. Tony Tamburro said he expects to wrap up his case by Friday.

Baker was struck four times and one of the steel balls penetrated his chest.

Four other soldiers, including Pylypow, were wounded.

Maj. Darryl Watts, 44, who was in charge of the Kan Kala range the day of the accident, is charged with manslaughter, unlawfully causing bodily harm, breach of duty and negligent performance of duty.

The prosecution alleges Watts allowed his men to practise with the C19 without any proper training and with "wanton, reckless disregard."

Outside court, Pylypow said he didn't hold anyone responsible for what happened.

"No I don't. It's a war zone. It's not intentional. I don't know if I even want to classify it as an accident. It is combat," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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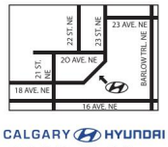

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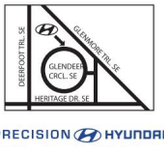

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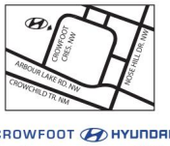

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Elections officer can reveal illegal donors, recipients

Legislation tabled in the Alberta legislature would give the chief electoral officer power to publicly divulge the names of those who give and those who get illegal political donations.

The Election Accountability Amendment Act would also allow the elections officer to divulge specifics of an offence and detail the penalty imposed.

"The bill goes a long way toward ensuring that Alberta's electoral system remains both accountable and responsive," Justice Minister Jonathan Denis said on Tuesday.

It addresses a core disagreement between the current elections officer, Brian Fjeldheim, and Premier Alison Redford's government over the interpretation of the disclosure law as it stands.

The Tories said Fjeldheim already had the power to name names, but he said he didn't.

Denis said that has now been fixed.

"This (bill) reflects the true intent of the (original) legislation," he said.

The act is intended to clear up other concerns over public disclosure.

The Progressive Conservatives have been dogged in the past year by cases of improper donations to their party from government-funded municipalities, schools, colleges and universities.

The criticisms struck close to home for the premier on Monday when it was revealed her sister, Lynn Redford, was reimbursed more than $3,000 by taxpayers to attend and hold PC party events while she worked for the Calgary Health Region.

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Busy job

- Chief electoral officer Brian Fjeldheim has opened up more than 81 files relating to improper donations in the last year alone.
- Three weeks ago, he began investigating allegations that billionaire Daryl Katz contributed $430,000 to the Tory campaign in the spring election, which is well over the $30,000 individual maximum.
- Fjeldheim must release his findings to Katz and to the Tories. Redford has said she will make the findings publicly available.

The upper Jumbo Valley is near the site of a proposed teahouse and the top terminal of what would be the Glacier Dome gondola. CONTRIBUTED

Ghost-town resort site has mayor but no voters

Home to grizzlies and goats. Jumbo, B.C., declared resort municipality despite having a human population of zero

At least they can't be accused of vote buying

"It puts into question the whole democratic process when we can have a hand-picked council govern a newly created municipality that has no population and no infrastructure."

Robyn Duncan, spokeswoman for the environmental group Wildsight

MATT KIELTYKA
Metro in Vancouver

A controversial proposed ski resort near Invermere now has a mayor and council, despite the fact there isn't a single resident of Jumbo, B.C.

The B.C. government on Tuesday announced the incorporation of Jumbo, in the East Kootenay region, as an official mountain resort municipality.

The move comes after decades of political wrangling and the approval, in March, of Jumbo Glacier Resort's master development agreement.

"This will give the community a chance to heal from this 22-year controversy and move on," said Bill Bennett, B.C.'s minister of community, sport and cultural development.

But provincial NDP critic Norm MacDonald slammed the move.

"The reason this has taken 22 years is that [the resort] has never had local support," said MacDonald, who is skeptical the year-round, $450-million project 250 kilometres west of Calgary will ever be built.

Grant Costello, vice-president of Glacier Resorts Ltd., shot back at MacDonald.

"The money will be there when we need it. We have a lot of desire," he said. "It will create jobs, which is especially needed by a community that has been hit hard by the recession."

Since no one currently lives in the new municipality, the B.C. government appointed former Regional District of East Kootenay chair Greg Deck as mayor, and named Nancy Hugunin and Stephan Ostrander as councillors.

WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS

Have you seen this man? Police are on the hunt for a robbery suspect.
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Police hoping purse-snatching re-enactment leads to arrest

After recreating a robbery scenario on Tuesday, Calgary police are hoping for tips that will further their investigation.

Police say a woman was robbed on Oct. 15, while walking into a bank in the 5200 block of Memorial Drive East. A man jumped out of a vehicle, grabbed her bag and pushed her against a window before jumping back into the vehicle, which was driven away by a second suspect.

The victim's bag contained an undisclosed amount of cash as well as several cheques.

The man is in his early 30s, with pale olive skin, distinctive hazel eyes and black hair. He is believed to be about five-feet-10 and has a thin to average build.

At the time of the incident, he was wearing a black ski jacket with a fake-fur-lined hood.

It's thought the vehicle was a black two-door early 2000 Ford Explorer.

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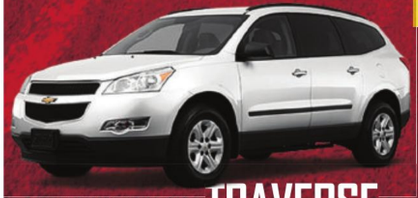

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Calgary students take a stand against domestic violence

Grade 8 students, from left, Mackenzie Beerbaum, 13, Courtney Kane, 13, and Erika Padley, 13, show their support for victims of domestic abuse on Tuesday, by unveiling their new Vanier Stops Violence bracelets. Money raised from the sale of these bracelets will go towards the YWCA of Calgary. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

Youth initiative. Junior-high students get inspired by Take Back the Night and raise money for victims of domestic violence

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Students at Georges P. Vanier School hope to shed a little light on domestic abuse by raising money through the sales of bracelets they created for the victims cause.

"Domestic abuse is something that should be brought to everyone's attention," says Courtney Kane, 13, a Grade 8 student and one of the student organizers of the assembly held on the topic.

"Learning about it at this age will prepare us to face this later on in life."

At the age of 13, Kane and fellow students Mackenzie Beerbaum and Erika Padley, who also helped organize the event, realized they are at a point in their lives where domestic abuse can happen to them.

"We are at the age where we are starting to date, and talking about domestic abuse will definitely prepare us to handle it if something were to ever happen," said Beerbaum.

The Vanier Stops Violence bracelets are on sale at the school.

Money raised from each bracelet will go towards the YWCA of Calgary.

The students of Vanier hope that other schools will take notice of this initiative and join in to help put a stop to domestic abuse.

Vanier Stops Violence

- The bracelets sell for $1.50 for one or $2.50 for two.
- They come in blue or purple.
- They hope to raise at least $500 for the YWCA through the bracelet sales.
- Vanier will also be holding numerous other events to raise money for this cause.

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Mackenzie Beerbaum, 13, one of the student organizers

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On the brink of peace?

Midnight tension. Talks on a Gaza ceasefire drag on amid optimism — but Israel and Hamas still trade blistering blows

Israel and Hamas edged closer to a ceasefire late Tuesday night.

But after a day of furious diplomatic efforts involving the U.S. secretary of state, the United Nations chief and Egypt's president, a deal remained elusive.

Meanwhile, fighting raged on both sides of the border.

Israeli tanks and gunboats pummelled targets in Gaza in what appeared to be a last-minute burst of fire, while at least 200 rockets were fired into Israel.

As talks dragged on near midnight, UN ambassadors announced the Security Council will hold an open debate on the Gaza crisis Wednesday afternoon if a ceasefire is not called before then.

Earlier in the day, optimism was rampant.

Egypt's President Mohammed Morsi predicted Israeli air strikes would soon end.

And Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said his country would be a "willing partner" to a ceasefire with Hamas, the Islamic militant group.

A top Hamas official, too, said a pact was close — even as the relentless air strikes and rocket attacks continued.

Israel demands an end to rocket fire from Gaza and a halt to weapons smuggling into Gaza through tunnels under the border with Egypt.

Hamas wants the Israelis to halt all their attacks on Gaza and lift the crippling restrictions on trade and movement in and out of the territory.

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Death toll mounts

The toll in the week-old Gaza campaign:

- **Palestinians.** More than 130 Palestinians, both militants and civilians, have been killed in Gaza.
- **Israelis.** Four Israeli civilians and one soldier have been killed.

Their young world collapses: children stand in the rubble left after an Israeli strike on a house in Gaza City on Tuesday. HATEM MOUSSA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Curbside justice

Suspected traitors shot in the street

Masked gunmen publicly shot dead six suspected collaborators with Israel at a large Gaza City intersection Tuesday, witnesses said.

An Associated Press reporter saw a mob surrounding five of the bloodied corpses shortly after the killing.

Some in the crowd stomped and spat on the bodies.

A sixth corpse was tied to a motorcycle and dragged through the streets as the crowd of people screamed, "Spy! Spy!"

The Hamas military wing, Izzedine al-Qassam, claimed responsibility in a large handwritten note attached to a nearby electricity pole.

Hamas said the six were killed because they gave Israel information about fighters and rocket-launching sites. Hamas did not provide any proof of the alleged collaboration.

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Bye bye, Blighty? EU gets the jitters over possible pullout by fed-up Britain

Goodbye, Britain?

For the European Union, a once-unthinkable question is looking more like a real possibility.

Bad times are forcing the 17 EU nations that use the euro currency to move ever closer toward some kind of United States of Europe — one that could make decisions about how much member countries spend and tax.

And that's a nightmare for Britain.

The British public shows no interest in moving closer to the rest of Europe, and most can't even seem to stomach the status quo.

After a 2015 election, Britain — among 10 of the 27 EU nations that don't use the euro — is likely to hold a referendum on whether to leave the EU.

Even if it doesn't hold a vote, the country is already unpicking its ties with Europe, a movement that has unsettled Germany, which is eager to retain the U.K. as an important economic driver of the bloc.

"I will ask the inhabitants of the wonderful island to reflect that they will not be happy if they are alone in this world," German Chancellor Angela Merkel said in a speech in London last week.

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Storm clouds

Prospects of an exit from Europe alarms some top Britons.

- **Against:** Former prime minister Tony Blair has urged Britain not to pull away, but to help build a new structure to improve Europe. "It's a very tricky task," he says. "But it's an essential one if the U.K. is not to be sidelined."
- **Also against:** Peter Mandelson, ex-European Union trade commissioner, warns that going it alone would mean a waning influence for the U.K. on the global stage.

A Trafalgar Square tarsands tableau

Environmental protesters against the tarsands industry attempt to blockade the annual Canada Europe Energy Summit on Tuesday with a performance-style demonstration outside Canada House by London's Trafalgar Square. The activists say research shows the tarsands extraction process is more polluting than the extraction of conventional crude oil. MATT DUNHAM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

2011 sets a record

A boom year for carbon dioxide

Carbon dioxide reached a record high level in the air in 2011, the United Nations weather agency says.

Concentrations of the heat-trapping pollutant in the atmosphere averaged 390 parts per million during the year. That is up 40 per cent from before the Industrial Age, the World Meteorological Organization said.

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Troops on move

France pulls out of Afghanistan

France on Tuesday ended its combat operations in Afghanistan, pulling hundreds of troops from a base in a volatile region and fulfilling promises to end its combat role on a faster track than other NATO allies.

After a handover ceremony with Afghan troops, 500 French combat soldiers in trucks and armoured vehicles left the Nijrab base and travelled southwest to Kabul.

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Outrage over arrests for Facebook post

Shaheen Dhada, left, and Renu Srinivas leave court in Mumbai Tuesday. The women were arrested for posting on Facebook that closures for the funeral of a fundamentalist leader were due to fear, not respect. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mumbai funeral. Arrests seen as move by police to prevent violence by supporters of Hindu politician

As India's financial capital shut down for the weekend funeral of a powerful politician linked to waves of mob violence, a woman posted on Facebook that the closures in Mumbai were "due to fear, not due to respect." A friend of hers hit the "like" button.

For that, both women were arrested Sunday on charges of creating enmity and hatred and were released on bail.

Analysts and the media are slamming the Maharashtra state government for what they said was a flagrant misuse of the law and an attempt to curb freedom of expression.

The women withdrew the comment and apologized, but angry supporters of Bal Thackeray — a powerful Hindu fundamentalist politician who died Saturday — stormed an orthopedic clinic run by the uncle of one woman, destroying its operating rooms and much of its equipment. Nurses and patients fled but no one was hurt.

Shaheen Dhada, the 21-year-old who posted the comment appeared on television Tuesday, her face covered by a scarf so that only her eyes were visible.

Clearly terrified, Dhada told NDTV television she would never again make comments on a social networking site. Both women said they have deactivated their Facebook accounts.

Analysts say it was a sense of fear that kept millions of people off the streets of the bustling city on Sunday.

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Outgoing Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, centre, embraces an unidentified person after draft legislation introducing the first women bishops in the Church of England failed to receive final approval from the General Synod in London, Tuesday. YUI MOK-POOL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Church of England. Move narrowly blocked to approve female bishops

The Church of England's governing body on Tuesday narrowly blocked a move to permit women to serve as bishops, leaving the church facing more years of contentious debate.

Following a daylong debate, opponents mustered enough support to deny the necessary two-thirds majority among lay members of the General Synod, with backers falling six votes short of passage.

The defeat was a setback for Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, who retires at the end of December, and his successor, Bishop Justin Welby. Both had strongly endorsed a proposed compromise that they had hoped would end decades of debate on the issue in the church, which has around 80 million members worldwide.

Passage of legislation to allow women to serve as bishops must be approved by two-thirds majorities in the synod's three houses: bishops, priests and laity.

The vote was 132 in favour and 74 against.

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Rowdy soccer fans

Jeering mob in Turkey greets visiting players

Turkish police used pepper spray to disperse hundreds of Galatasaray soccer fans who gathered at Istanbul's main airport to jeer Manchester United players on their arrival for Tuesday's Champions League game.

The fans lit firecrackers and flares, and battered doors of Ataturk Airport's arrival terminal late Monday, prompting riot police to use pepper spray. Manchester United players left the building through another exit.

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Abortion death probe

Ireland makes a U-turn, drops 3 docs from panel

The Irish government removed three doctors Tuesday from a seven-member panel investigating the death of Savita Halappanavar, a 31-year-old Indian dentist, who died in an Irish hospital Oct. 28 after being denied an abortion.

The U-turn came hours after her husband, Praveen Halappanavar, said he would refuse to cooperate because three of the hospital's senior doctors had been appointed as investigators.

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Rights workers on second strike in London

2 months, 2 strikes. Amnesty International workers walkout again

Amnesty International workers in London walked off the job on Tuesday for the second strike in as many months in an embarrassing setback for an organization that campaigns for the rights of workers and is considered one of the world's pre-eminent human rights advocates.

The walkouts are a public airing of staff complaints that have been building for years, with tensions rising dramatically in recent weeks as Amnesty's international operations prepare to re-organize.

The changes include transferring some of its 500 jobs from a centralized London base to 10 regional hubs around the world — part of an effort to be closer to the hotspots where human rights violations occur. The organization says it's not really sure how many jobs will go, and that uncertainty has caused frustration and anger among its employees. Amnesty's British workers, meanwhile, reject the notion of handing over more money to international operations — as their jobs might be at risk.

Amnesty's creation goes back to 1961, when a British lawyer learned that two students in Portugal had been imprisoned for seven years for drinking a toast to liberty despite being under a dictatorship. Peter Benenson's response was simple, and became radical: He wrote an article in Britain's Observer newspaper based on the premise that prisoners of conscience might be released by writing letters to governments.

That appeal spawned a movement, marking the beginning of Amnesty International, which from that humble start grew to a worldwide movement of 2.1 million members, its symbol of the candle circled by looping barbed wire becoming an icon to the oppressed.

But the group's current crisis is raising questions about its ability to remain a leading human rights advocate in a world no longer defined by Cold War era divisions.

Last week, Amnesty's program director for the Americas, Susan Lee, resigned, expressing shock at "senior management's failure to honour its commitments to treat staff fairly and with respect."

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Quote

"The organization faces a threat to its very existence."

Union resolution. The union argues this latest fracas undermines Amnesty's ability to carry out its mission.

People hold candles and a placard as they take part in a picket outside Amnesty International offices in London on Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Ohio. Young would-be bombers sentenced as terrorists in the U.S.

The three men, from left, Brandon Baxter, Douglas Wright and Connor Stevens, who pleaded guilty in an unsuccessful plot to bomb a highway bridge in Ohio, were sentenced on Tuesday. FBI FILE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Three men were sentenced Tuesday to years in prison after admitting to taking part in an unsuccessful plot to bomb a highway bridge in Ohio with what turned out to be a dud device provided by a government informant.

Prosecutors had described the suspects as self-proclaimed anarchists who acted out of anger against corporate America and the government.

All three defendants — 20-year-old Connor Stevens, 26-year-old Douglas Wright and 20-year-old Brandon Baxter — apologized in court. Their attorneys said the sentences would be appealed.

Wright, the man authorities called the ringleader, received the toughest sentence: 11 1/2 years. Baxter was given nearly 10 years in prison. Stevens, the least involved of the trio, was sentenced to more than eight years.

U.S. District Judge David Dowd had ruled last week that the men should be sentenced as terrorists, making them subject to harsher prison terms. After leaving prison, all three will be on supervised release for the rest of their lives.

A fourth defendant is being sentenced Wednesday, and a fifth is undergoing a psychiatric exam. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. Civil War declaration up for sale for $900,000

Piece of history. Document ordering the blockade of Confederate ports considered official start to the bloody conflict

A document signed by U.S. President Abraham Lincoln ordering Union blockades of Confederate ports, marking the official start of the Civil War, is for sale.

The Raab Collection in Philadelphia said Tuesday it is selling the document, which it calls one of the most important in American history. The asking price is $900,000.

Lincoln's proclamation is dated April 19, 1861 — a week after the first shots of the conflict were fired at South Carolina's Fort Sumter. After the Civil War ended in 1865, the U.S. Supreme Court in an opinion ascribed Lincoln's April 19 blockade order as the official beginning of the war.

The document has been owned by a private collector who wishes to remain anonymous.

The single-page manuscript authorizes Lincoln's secretary of state to "affix the Seal of the United States to a Proclamation setting on foot a Blockade of the ports of the States of South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas," effectively declaring war on the Confederacy.

Between 1861 and 1865, the Union navy blockade crippled the Confederate economy by largely preventing the import of supplies and ammunition and the export of cotton and other trade goods.

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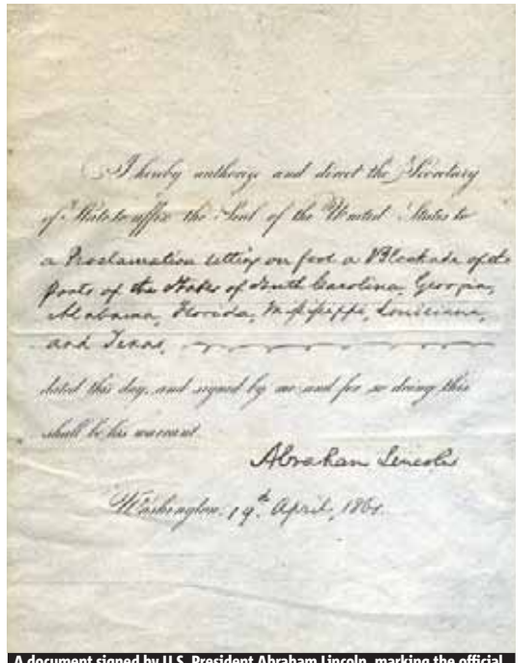

A document signed by U.S. President Abraham Lincoln, marking the official start of the Civil War. THE RAAB COLLECTION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Woman allegedly made millions on art stolen after fall of regime

A former secretary to Imelda Marcos was charged Tuesday in New York with conspiracy to sell valuable artworks that disappeared during the collapse of Marcos' husband's regime in the Philippines.

Vilma Bautista, 74, was indicted on charges of conspiracy, tax fraud and offering a false instrument for filing.

Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance Jr. said Bautista used false paperwork to sell a work from Claude Monet's Water Lilies series for $32 million in September 2010.

"The integrity of the international art market must be protected," Vance said in a statement. "This indictment sheds light on what happened to major works of art missing for more than 25 years."

According to the indictment, Bautista was a foreign-service officer assigned to the Philippine Mission to the United Nations but unofficially served as Marcos' New York-based personal secretary.

The indictment says that during the presidency of Marcos' husband, Ferdinand, she used state assets to acquire a vast collection of artwork and other valuables. Prosecutors say some of the art ended up in Bautista's possession after the Marcoses were ousted in a citizen revolt in 1986.

Prosecutors said Bautista and her nephews, who have also been charged, plotted to sell the paintings and keep the proceeds tax-free.

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In this January 2011 photo, Elmo puppeteer Kevin Clash poses with the Sesame Street muppet in the Fender Music Lodge during the 2011 Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah. VICTORIA WILL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Elmo puppeteer resigns amid sex allegations

Kevin Clash. The man who created the iconic red furry puppet steps down as new underage-sex accusations surface

Elmo puppeteer Kevin Clash resigned from Sesame Street on Tuesday amid allegations he sexually abused underage boys, bringing an end to a 28-year career in which he turned the furry red monster into one of the most beloved — and lucrative — characters on TV and in toy stores.

Quote

"Elmo is bigger than any one person."

Sesame Workshop statement
Last week the company said Elmo is not defined by one person and others have been trained as Clash's stand-in. It remains unclear who will take over the role now.

"Personal matters have diverted attention away from the important work Sesame Street is doing and I cannot allow it to go on any longer," the 52-year-old performer said in a statement.

"I am deeply sorry to be leaving and am looking forward to resolving these personal matters privately.''

His departure came as a 24-year-old college student, Cecil Singleton, sued Clash for more than $5 million Tuesday, accusing the actor of engaging in sexual behaviour with him when he was 15. Singleton charged that Clash made a habit of trolling gay chat lines for underage boys and meeting them for sex.

It was the second such allegation in just over a week. On Nov. 12, a man in his 20s said he had sex with Clash at age 16. A day later, though, the young man recanted, saying their relationship was adult and consensual.

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McAfee hiding, blogging

Software company founder John McAfee says he's hiding in plain sight, wearing a disguise as he watches police and reporters stake out his home — and blogging about it all.

In the latest twist in the highly-publicized case, McAfee has started his own blog, in which he describes life on the lam after police in Belize called him a "person of interest" in the slaying of fellow American Gregory Viant Faull and asked him to turn himself in for questioning.

In phones interviews with The Associated Press, McAfee has never said where he's hiding. But in his blog this week, he claims to have disguised himself as a grungy street peddler and a foul-mouthed German tourist, and claims he approached an Associated Press reporter outside his stakeout home on the Caribbean island of Ambergris Caye, and almost sold the reporter a wood carving.

It's hard to separate fact from fiction in the whole account, but one thing is clear — seldom has there been more detailed coverage of someone on the lam since O.J. Simpson led police on a low-speed chase in 1994, and much of that detail is being provided by McAfee himself.

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This photo shows John McAfee in Belize this month.

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Justice

No more hair-removal treatments for transgender inmate: Judge

A U.S. judge says he won't order more hair-removal treatments for a transgender inmate who won a court order for taxpayer-funded sex change surgery.

The Massachusetts judge also ruled Tuesday that the gender reassignment surgery he ordered for Michelle Kosilek in September will be on hold until the state appeals his ruling.

Kosilek, convicted in the 1990 murder of wife Cheryl Kosilek, was born male but has received hormone treatments and now lives as a woman in an all-male prison.

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Mourning

Russian woman keeps husband's body in apartment with her five children

Russian authorities say a woman with five children kept her husband's body in their apartment for almost three years after his death.

Prosecutors in the central Yaroslavl region said the unidentified woman, described as a devout Pentecostal Christian with a psychiatric record, was so distraught when her husband died of natural causes in 2009 that she believed he "was bound to resurrect."

An investigation was opened after the body was found in a dumpster in a plastic bag in July.

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Looters put on notice

Shines restaurant leaves a warning for looters on Tuesday in Long Beach, N.Y. More than three weeks after Superstorm Sandy hit the New York area, residents continue their restoration efforts in many affected areas on Long Island. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Sweden

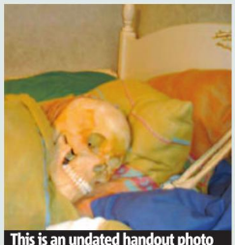
Woman charged with necrophilia

A woman in Sweden has been accused of necrophilia after investigators found some 100 skeleton parts in her apartment.

The Swedish news agency TT cites prosecutor Kristina Ehrenborg-Staffas as saying that the 37-year-old woman is suspected of using the remains, which included six skulls and one backbone, in "sexual situations."

The woman, from southwestern Sweden, was charged "with violating the peace of the deceased" in Goteborg District Court on Tuesday.

The TT agency reports that police also found a CD titled My Necrophilia as well as photographs in which a woman is seen kissing and hugging the skulls. The woman has denied the charges, claiming she collected the bones out of historical interest. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



This is an undated handout photo showing a human skull in a bed in Sweden. SCANPIX SWEDEN/SWEDISH POLICE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U of T. Gene predicts time of death

It appears the Grim Reaper has a schedule to keep.

A team of scientists led by a University of Toronto neurology professor says it has discovered a gene mutation that determines the time of day a person is most likely to die.

"It's just kind of spooky. I just couldn't believe it," said co-author and Harvard University professor Dr. Clifford Saper.

The study, led by University of Toronto professor Dr. Andrew Lim and published in the November edition of Annals of Neurology, emerged from research into seniors' sleep-wake cycles.

Analyzing 1,200 people who had enrolled in another study as healthy 65-year-olds about 15 years earlier, the researchers set out to investigate why seniors have trouble sleeping and whether they could identify signs of oncoming Parkinson's or Alzheimer's disease.

But the study changed tack when Lim discovered a link between sleep patterns and variations in "Period 1," the gene that plays a major role in the internal biological — or circadian — clock.

Quoted

"No ... I'll let it be up to the fates."

Dr. Clifford Saper, Harvard University professor
He says he will not take the simple test that would show what time of day he is most likely to die.

The team found that people who report waking early in the morning (before 7 a.m.) are more likely to have an adenine (A-A) nucleotide base. Late-risers, on the other hand, are more likely to have a guanine (G-G) nucleotide base. Those who wake up somewhere in the middle have both (A-G).

Having made the link, Lim then wondered whether the mutation played a role in death, so he went back to the database and cross-compared times of death and DNA from those who had passed away. Like sleep, he discovered a circadian rhythm of death.

Barring accidental causes, early risers (A-A's and A-G's) are more likely to die at around 11 a.m., while late risers (G-G's) will more likely hold out until around 6 p.m.

"It is a bit disconcerting that something as fundamental as the time one is likeliest to die can be influenced by a simple gene variant," said Lim in an email, adding that 17 per cent of people with the G-G variation died an average of six hours later than others.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Dope-selling coffee shops still open to foreigners

Amsterdam. Justice minister scraps the rollout of a program designed to keep tourists out of the pot selling java joints

Dope-selling coffee shops in Amsterdam won't be shutting their doors to foreign visitors any time soon, a huge relief to the hundreds of thousands of tourists who enjoy a toke or two in the Dutch capital alongside their excursions on the canals and to the museums.

Amsterdam welcomed Tuesday changes in the national government's drug policies as a green light to let tourists keep rolling in to the city's 220 world famous cafés that sell cannabis, marijuana and pre-rolled joints alongside cups of coffee.

On Monday night, Justice Minister Ivo Opstelten sent a letter to Parliament announcing he was scrapping a nationwide rollout of the so-called "weed pass" that was designed to keep non-Dutch residents out of those coffee shops.

Beginning earlier this year in the south of the country, locals had to apply for a pass to get into such shops, but non-Dutch residents were barred to crack down on crime. Justice Minister Ivo Opstelten says he still wants only Dutch residents allowed into the coffee shops, but is leaving it up to local authorities to enforce the ban.

"We are happy with the plans presented by Minister Opstelten because he is focused on trying to decrease criminality around coffee shops," Amsterdam municipality spokeswoman Tahira Limon said. "He also said that cities or municipalities have room to look at what works for them and for Amsterdam this also means tourists can continue to visit coffee shops." Coffee shops have been tolerated for years in the Netherlands. Advocates argue they reduce crime.

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In this April 2012 file photo, a protester from Belgium with a marijuana leaf painted on his face smokes up in Amsterdam. PETER DEJONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

San Francisco. New ordinance prohibits nudity on streets, sidewalks

San Francisco lawmakers have narrowly approved a proposal to ban public nakedness.

The 11-member Board of Supervisors voted 6-5 Tuesday on an ordinance that prohibits exposed genitals in most public places, including streets, sidewalks and public transit. A first offence carries a maximum penalty of a $100 fine, but prosecutors have the authority to charge a third violation as a misdemeanour punishable by up to a $500 fine and a year in jail.

Supervisor Scott Wiener introduced the measure in response to escalating complaints about a group of men whose lack of clothing was an almost daily occurrence in the city's predominantly gay world-famous Castro District.

A federal lawsuit seeking to block the ban was filed ahead of Tuesday's vote.

The municipal politicians rejected arguments that the measure would eat away at a reputation for tolerance enjoyed by a city known for flouting convention and flaunting its counter-culture image.

Wiener's opponents on the board said a ban would draw the attention of cops away from more critical problems. "The Castro, and San Francisco in general, is a place of freedom, expression and acceptance. But (that) does not mean anything goes under any circumstances," Wiener said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. ballot measures

Pot possession should remain illegal: UN to U.S.

The head of the UN drug watchdog agency is urging U.S. federal officials to chal

lenge ballot measures in Colorado and Washington that decriminalized possession of small amounts of marijuana for adults over 21. Raymond Yans says the approvals send "a wrong message to the rest of the nation and abroad."

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Attack on top Polish leaders thwarted

Suspect in custody. The 45-year-old man implicated in the case was building bombs and also had detonators, a prosecutor said

This photo shows a general view of the Polish parliament as visiting French President Francois Hollande addresses lawmakers in Warsaw, Poland, on Nov. 16. Polish authorities said on Tuesday that they have arrested a man who was planning to carry out a terror attack on the parliament building in Warsaw. ALIK KEPLICZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Polish university researcher driven by nationalistic and anti-Semitic hatred was arrested for planning to detonate a four-ton bomb in front of the Parliament building in Warsaw, Poland, with the president, prime minister, government ministers and lawmakers inside, authorities said Tuesday.

Prime Minister Donald Tusk said the suspect and his plot were discovered as investigators looked into Polish links to the Norwegian mass murderer Anders Behring Breivik. Polish security officials have said that Breivik bought small amounts of material for his bomb-making in Poland.

The foiled attack comes as the far-right movement appears to be growing in Poland, and as tensions simmer between Tusk's centre-right government and its main rival, the conservative Law and Justice party led by Jaroslaw Kaczynski.

Kaczynski recently accused Tusk and other leaders of murder in the 2010 plane crash that killed his brother, the late President Lech Kaczynski, and 95 others. A state investigation found the tragedy was an accident caused by bad weather and human error, but Kaczynski has been calling it an assassination.

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Getting warmer. Scientists close to flipping switch on dark-matter experiment

Scientists hoping to detect dark matter deep in a former South Dakota gold mine have taken the last major step before flipping the switch on their delicate experiment and say they may be ready to begin collecting data as early as February.

What's regarded as the world's most sensitive dark-matter detector was lowered earlier this month into a 264,971-litre water tank nearly 1.6 kilometres beneath the earth's surface, shrouding it in enough insulation to hopefully isolate dark matter from the cosmic radiation that makes it impossible to detect above ground.

And if all goes as planned, the data that begins flowing could answer age-old questions about the universe and its origins, scientists said Monday.

"We might well uncover something fantastic," said Harry Nelson, a professor of physics at the University of California, Santa Barbara and a principal investigator on the Large Underground Xenon experiment. "One thing about our field is that it's kind of brutal in that we know it's expensive and we work hard to only do experiments that are really important."

This one hasn't been cheap, at about $10 million US, but like the discovery of the Higgs boson — often called the God particle — earlier this year in Switzerland, the detection of dark matter would be a seismic occurrence in the scientific community. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It's out there

- **Undetectable.** Scientists know dark matter exists by its gravitational pull, but, unlike regular matter and anti-matter, it's so far been undetectable.
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Idaho

Arrest made in relation to zoo monkey mauling

Police have arrested one of two men who they believe broke into an Idaho zoo the night a monkey there died from blunt-force trauma, but questions remain about how and why the animal was killed.

Michael J. Watkins, 22, was arrested Monday in Washington County on burglary and grand theft charges. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Florida

13-year-old girl dies in shooting on school bus

Miami-Dade police say a 13-year-old girl has died after she was shot by another student on a school bus.

A male student is in custody and local police say investigators are talking to him. It's not clear what prompted Tuesday morning's shooting in Homestead, south of Miami. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Saskatchewan. Province loosens liquor laws but won't go the full monty

Saskatchewan is offering new liquor laws that peel back a long-held prohibition against bars serving booze at stripteases, but the rules stop short of the full monty.

The province announced more than 70 new liquor regulations Tuesday, including the move to allow alcohol to be served at striptease performances and wet clothing contests. But it won't allow full-frontal nudity and the sale of liquor to be mixed.

"Prohibition against full nudity is still going to be enforced in Saskatchewan, but we will allow some stripping, exotic dancing-type without full nudity in the province," said Donna Harpauer, minister responsible for the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority.

Saskatchewan is the only province that doesn't allow stripping and alcohol sales.

Harpauer said the new rule brings Saskatchewan in line with New Brunswick, where genitals must be covered for men and women and women must have some coverage of their breasts. Decorative nipple coverings, commonly known as pasties, are allowed under Saskatchewan's new rules. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lascivious legs and liquor have had a divided history in Saskatchewan, but new laws will allow the sale of alcohol alongside stripteases. GETTY IMAGES

Halifax. Another arrest made after alleged sexual kidnapping of 16-year-old

A 63-year-old Halifax man was charged Tuesday in the investigation into the alleged sexual assault and confinement of a 16-year-old boy.

John MacKean is facing a charge of sexual assault and another prostitution-related charge after being arrested Monday in Fredericton. He appeared in provincial court in Bridgewater, N.S., and was returned to custody until his case comes back to court Thursday.

Crown lawyer Lloyd Tancock said outside court that the second charge was for communicating for the purpose of obtaining sexual services from someone under 18.

Police launched an investigation in September after a woman in Upper Chelsea, N.S., reported that a barefoot teen showed up at her doorstep chained at his wrists and ankles, seeking help.

Officers later issued arrest warrants for David James Leblanc and 31-year-old Wayne Alan Cunningham. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canucks favour relaxed pot laws

Puff popularity. New poll suggests that most Canadians agree with weaker marijuana laws, while only a small minority want them to be tougher

Legalization in Colorado and Washington State has prompted a surge in the decades-old debate over marijuana laws. A new poll suggests that the Canadian government is at odds with most citizens. ED ANDRIESKI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A new poll shows a clear majority of Canadians support loosening the country's marijuana laws, a stance that seems to be starkly out of sync with the federal government's current pot policy.

According to the poll, released Tuesday by Toronto's Forum Research, 65 per cent of Canadians favour either the legalization and taxation of the drug or decriminalizing it in small amounts.

"Very few want the law to be as it is," said Forum president Lorne Bozinoff, pointing out that 17 per cent believe Canada's current pot laws should remain, while 15 per cent want tougher rules.

"Public opinion has been ahead of government on this issue for a while."

Under the Conservatives, Ottawa has veered toward harsher penalties for marijuana, increasing potential prison time and imposing mandatory jail sentences for growing six or more weed plants.

These strategies have drawn criticism from scientists and organizations such as the Brazil-based Global Commission on Drug Policy, which in March called them "destructive, expensive and ineffective."

Recent developments in the U.S., where marijuana was legalized in Colorado and Washington State in election-day plebiscites, have brought attention to the issue in Canada.

Last week, Liberal leadership candidate Justin Trudeau came out in favour of decriminalization, while leaving the door open to legalization, should he ever come to power.

Forum Research polled 1,849 randomly-selected people with a two per cent margin of error, 19 times out of 20. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Persistent arguments

While the poll shows most favour relaxing marijuana laws, the issue remains divisive:

- **Nanny state.** "I think (the Conservatives) have a morally-based belief model, which is not based on evidence," said Richard Mathias, professor of public health at the University of B.C. "It is paternalism in the extreme."
- **Fools rush in.** Tom Stamatakis, president of the Canadian Police Association, said the public is too hasty to favour relaxing laws. "We don't have the tools and the training available to us now to ensure that people aren't driving cars, for example, or operating machinery, while they're impaired by marijuana," he said.

Pro-pot researchers say British Columbia could blaze its way to billions in revenue

A new study has rung in British Columbians' pot purchases at about half a billion dollars each year, and its pro-legalization researchers argue that means the province could be bringing in truly massive tax revenues.

Researchers from the University of British Columbia and Simon Fraser University sought to quantify the retail value of marijuana sold on the black market.

They looked at the price of marijuana and research that suggests more than 366,000 people in B.C. use pot to estimate the pot industry is worth between $443 million and $564 million a year.

The researchers also point to data from Washington State, which recently held a successful referendum to legalize pot, that suggests the same number of pot smokers in that state could bring in $2.5 billion in taxes over five years in a regulated system.

They say the revenues could be used to fund addiction programs and health care, similar to the new system set to be rolled out in Washington and Colorado, where the public recently voted to legalize the drug.

Lead author Dan Werb says regulation is tricky, but replacing drug pushers with the government would allow for far more control over prices and who has access to the product.

Werb and the other researchers are members of the pro-pot Stop the Violence B.C. coalition, which advocates for changes to drug policies designed to take the business of marijuana away from violent organized crime groups and reduce overall use. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rogue UBS trader gets 7-year sentence

London trial. 'There is a strong streak of the gambler in you,' judge tells man who lost $2.2B

A rogue trader who lost $2.2 billion US in bad deals at Swiss bank UBS was sentenced to seven years in prison Tuesday after being convicted in what prosecutors called the biggest fraud case in U.K. banking history.

Ghanaian-born Kweku Adoboli, 32, exceeded his trading limits and failed to cover his losses, allegedly faking records to hide his tracks at the bank's London office. At one point, Adoboli risked running losses of up to $12 billion US.

"There is a strong streak of the gambler in you," Judge Brian Keith told Adoboli. "You were arrogant to think the bank's rules for traders did not apply to you."

Adoboli wiped away tears as Keith handed down his sentence. A conviction for fraud carries a maximum jail term of 10 years. The 10-person jury at Southwark Crown Court in London found Adoboli guilty of two counts of fraud and innocent of four other false accounting charges.

Kweku Adoboli arrives at Southwark Crown Court in London on Nov. 15. On Tuesday, the former UBS trader was found guilty of two counts of fraud. KIRSTY WIGGLESWORTH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Adoboli ran into trouble dealing in exchange-traded funds, complex financial products that track stocks, bonds and commodities. Adoboli admitted the losses, but said he was pressured by staff to take risks. He also testified last month that he had been trying to help UBS survive after it amassed losses of $52 billion during the 2007-2008 global financial crisis.

"There were times we thought there was no way the organization would survive," said Adoboli, who joined UBS as a trainee in 2003 and rose quickly to become a senior trader. "I grew up with UBS. I felt very loyal to UBS."

Det. Chief Insp. Perry Stokes of City of London Police, who led the investigation of Adoboli, had a different view, believing the trader's motive was "to increase his bonus, his status, his job prospects and his ego." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PM's associates.

Bribery charges laid against key players in U.K. media scandal

Two former confidants of Britain's prime minister have been charged with conspiring to pay public officials in exchange for stories and information — the latest development in the country's establishment-shaking scandal over media malfeasance.

Britain's Crown Prosecution Services said former tabloid editors Andy Coulson and Rebekah Brooks were among five people being charged with conspiracy to commit misconduct in public office.

Prosecutors said Brooks, a neighbour, close friend, and political ally of Prime Minister David Cameron, conspired with journalist John Kay to funnel as much as $160,000 to a Ministry of Defence employee in return for a stream of stories that were published in Rupert Murdoch's The Sun newspaper. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Air travel

WestJet customers may get mobile entertainment

WestJet Airlines will test a new entertainment system next year that will allow passengers to use their tablets, computers and smart phones to access in-flight television and connect to the Internet, CEO Gregg Saretsky said Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sponsorship

Hockeyville program is latest lockout casualty

Kraft Canada cancelled its popular Hockeyville program Tuesday, a victim of the protracted NHL lockout that is seeing sponsors as well as fans grow weary. Kraft will give $1 million to Hockey Canada affiliated minor hockey associations instead of the competition that rewards communities for involvement in local arenas. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Research in Motion

Analyst gives BB10 better odds

Prominent tech analyst Peter Misek of New York-based Jeffries & Company is giving Research In Motion's new BlackBerry 10 operating system an improved chance of success when it launches in early 2013. He now says the system has a 20 to 30 per cent probability of success. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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ON THE ORIGIN OF MIDLIFE CRISES

JUST SAYIN'
Paul Sullivan
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There's more evidence to prove that homo sapiens is descended from apes.

According to a study involving 500 great apes published in the, ahem, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, chimpanzees and orangutans experience a midlife crisis, just like us.

It's just more difficult to tell, as an ape with angst is unlikely to purchase a Porsche.

I knew it was hereditary! For all we know, it's as universal as life itself: Birds do it, bees do it, even educated fleas … if you're alive, you know the exact moment when you're over the hill.

Monkey business

Realizing you're over the hill by 35 is not great news if you live in a zoo, because you can expect to live to 50. That's at least 15 years of same old, same old: monkey chow three times a day, children banging on the glass while their parents take flash photos, and Bonzo over there trying to horn in on your harem.

For humans, it's traditionally 45-55. Chimps turn into chumps around 27 or 28 and orangutans get the memo at about 35.

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Of course, this could be more of a comment on the apes' handlers than on the apes themselves, as they were asked to fill out the forms documenting the general mood of their apes, the joy their charges gained from socializing and how would they feel if they had to be an ape for a week.

After a very bad day of putting up with banana breath and monkeyshines, it's only human for a handler to project his or her feelings on the nearest living being, even if said being is more interested in another banana than anything else.

Whatever, the good news is that it gets better.

Just when Bonzo's grinning mug makes Cheetah want to throw his feces, he begins to realize that three squares ain't so bad. After all, he could still be stuck in some jungle in Botswana, dodging lions and poachers, using a stick to root for termites.

This is roughly analogous to the process of acceptance in humans.

If we survive our midlife crises without pitching our feces around the office or getting caught surfing NSFW on the Internet, we can look forward to increasing happiness that reaches its peak around 70.

Of course, there are good reasons old guys are happy. They get there early before the lineups. Plus they get the seniors' discount.

The bottom line: If you're feeling like the pack has passed you by, it has less to do with your sorry circumstances and more to do with your hormonal imbalance.

Just hang on.

Primate Prime Time is about to begin.

I'm not monkeying around — apes experience a midlife crisis, too. IAN WALDIE/GETTY IMAGES

Royals' site causes security concerns

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Tea-d off

Duke and duchess revamp website

This is an undated handout photo issued by the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge's website on Tuesday of Britain's Prince William making a cup of tea while working as a helicopter search-and-rescue pilot at RAF Valley on Anglesey, Wales.

Many of the exclusive pictures that gave an insight into the life of the flight lieutenant in Wales at his day job pilot had to be taken down hours after they were posted due to security concerns.

The pictures offered a rare look into the typical day in the life for Prince William in his work flying RAF Sea King helicopters from their base at RAF Valley on Anglesey, north Wales — from planning and preparing for any emergency callout to resting with his colleagues during downtime.

But the images also included unclassified user names, passwords and computer screens. Britain's Ministry of Defence said in a statement Tuesday that passwords and user names were reset as a precaution and that the photos were reissued.

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Shift work

24 hrs

The latest post on the website detailed Prince William's typical schedule of a 24-hour shift as a pilot.

When duty doesn't call

- The site reveals that Call of Duty is a favourite among Prince Will and his friends.
- On Wednesday even more photos will be posted — this time by the Duchess — of the trip she and Will took to Asia in September.
- Will's current tour will end by fall 2013, and at that time he is set to decide if he wants to stay on for a few more years.

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Are you afraid Canada could fall off the "fiscal cliff" along with the U.S.?

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THIS NOV 21ST EVERYTHING GOES BLACK

The long awaited screen adaptation of The Life of Pi finally arrives in theatres this weekend. HANDOUT

Ocean's raw power inspires, creates cinematic awe in Pi

New release. Life of Pi joins a long list of films who have used the beauty and the beast of the blue as a wild backdrop

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Joseph Conrad wrote of the ocean's awesome power: "The sea has never been friendly to man."

Less eloquent is this quote from Beauty Queens by Libba Bray: "You can't believe how bleeding scary the sea is! There's, like, whales and storms and s—t!"

Not to mention killer whales, giant waves and even H-bomb mutated giant octopuses!

The ocean and its power has been challenging cinematic sailors for decades.

From the early screen adaptations of Moby Dick to the crazy sea monsters of 1950s B-movies to this weekend's The Life of Pi, based on the megahit novel by Yann Martel, the ocean has provided a wet and wild backdrop for Hollywood.

Pi's story of a boy set adrift on the ocean in a lifeboat with only a tiger for a companion is a coming-of-age story that uses the sea as a metaphor. Most films are more literal.

The giant wave that capsizes the ship in The Poseidon Adventure was no metaphor, it was a terrifying display of the ocean's power, even if it was filmed using a 21 foot 6 inch long miniature ship in a 300 by 350 foot water tank on a Hollywood stage.

Filmmakers have often looked to sea creatures for inspiration. Everything from LOTR: Fellowship of the Ring to Sharktopus features fantasy monsters unleashed by the deep. One of the best-known B-movies of the 1950s is It Came From Beneath the Sea, the story of a giant octopus awakened by the radiation from H-bomb tests.

The film was so low budget, special effects wizard Ray Harryhausen cut corners by building his octopus model with six rather than the usual eight tentacles. To cover his cheat, he posed the creature so viewers couldn't count the arms.

Finally, Orca, the best known of the killer whale movies, shows a much more real threat.

Or does it?

The joke is that killer whales aren't all that dangerous — to humans anyway.

"There has never been a substantiated case of an orca killing a man," wrote Outside magazine's Tim Cahill, "despite the 1977 movie Orca, in which a killer whale seeks revenge on Richard Harris by eating all his co-stars. The movie was so silly, unscientific and unbelievable that one critic suggested Harris fight a duel to the death with his agent for getting him the role."

Life of Pi

Life of Pi is a fantasy adventure novel by Yann Martel published in 2001.

- **Background.** The main character, Piscine Molitor "Pi" Patel, a young Indian boy, explores issues of spirituality and practicality.
- **Awards.** The book was chosen for CBC Radio's Canada Reads 2003. The year before, it won the Man Booker Prize for Fiction. Martel was only the third Canadian to ever win the literary legends nod. It dates back to 1969.

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Reviews

Red Dawn

Starring. Chris Hemsworth, Adrianne Palicki

Director. Dan Bradley

The original Red Dawn was such a product of the Cold War paranoia that remaking it seems doomed for failure. Spokane, Wash., is the target of an invasion that leaves a group of students in the surrounding hills launching guerilla-style assaults. A cyber weapon knocks out communications, ensuring that nothing modern is going to creep into this do-over that follows the original's plot points to a T. The cast are likeable and some of the action sequences are thrilling. But changing the invaders from Chinese to North Korean in post-production leaves gaps in the story and does little to boost the inanity of the plot. **IAN GORMELY**

Reviews

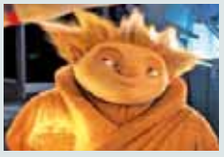
Life Of Pi

Starring. Suraj Sharma

Director. Ang Lee

Based on Yann Martel's megahit 2001 novel, Life of Pi stars Suraj Sharma as Pi Patel, a 16-year-old boy set adrift on a lifeboat after the freighter his family was taking from India to a new life in Canada sinks. His companion is Richard Parker, a Bengal tiger, and refugee from the Patel family zoo. The metaphorical and introspective story is complimented by many startlingly beautiful images and a spiritual undertow. Despite drifting off course from time to time with some ill advised magic realism and some repetition, Lee for the most part steers the story into safe, comforting waters.
IAN GORMELY

Reviews



Rise of the Guardians

Starring. Alec Baldwin, Hugh Jackman

Director. Peter Ramsey

A wacky adventure that casts legendary characters like Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny in some sort of superhero squad, Rise of the Guardians may be kitschy, but the storyline never quite gels amidst its frenetic, plentiful 3D-action.

While the tale of these icons defending the innocence of adolescents from the Bogeyman seems earnest enough, the film feels like a forced renovation on famous folklore for today's toddlers.
STEVE GOW

Reviews

The Silver Linings Playbook

Starring. Bradley Cooper, Jennifer Lawrence

Director. David O. Russell

Like his previous The Fighter, The Silver Linings Playbook is a conventional genre film (in this case a rom-com) pumped up with shrill, melodramatic acting. The goal is to win Oscars, and while Jennifer Lawrence may get there for her manic-depressive-pixie-dream girl, Bradley Cooper — as the bipolar object of her affections — is out of his depth. The film's mixture of screaming hyper-realism and trite narrative contrivances does grow slightly more palatable as it goes along, but the overall effect is still unappetizing.
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Inmate may be involved in killing of O.J.'s ex-wife: Documentary

My Brother the Serial Killer. Clues may link man to 1994 murder

O.J Simpson leaving the courthouse for a lunch break in Santa Monica in 1997. FREDERICK M. BROWN/GETTY IMAGES

A documentary about an inmate on Florida's death row says the convicted killer might have been involved in the murder of O.J. Simpson's ex-wife and her friend.

The Investigation Discovery show, My Brother the Serial Killer, will air Wednesday.

The doc is a look at Glen Rogers, who was convicted by a Florida jury in 1997 for killing a woman.

Rogers was also convicted of murder in California and is a suspect in homicides in several other states.

Rogers, who is from Hamilton, Ohio, met Nicole Brown Simpson in 1994 when he was living in Southern California, his family says in the documentary.

A criminal profiler in the film says he received paintings by Rogers with clues possibly linking him to the 1994 murders of Simpson's ex-wife and her friend, Ronald Goldman.

Simpson was accused in those killings, but the so-called "trial of the century" in Los Angeles ended with his acquittal in 1995.

Simpson never testified at the criminal trial, but memorably demonstrated in court that a glove found near the slaying scene did not fit his hand. He testified at length in a wrongful death trial that led a Los Angeles civil court jury in 1997 to find him liable for damages in the case.

Much of the film is narrated by Rogers' brother, Clay Rogers, who used to rob homes with Glen Rogers as a teen, but in 1993 called police on his brother after finding a body at the family's Kentucky cabin.

Clay Rogers said that in 1994, his brother told him about meeting Nicole Brown Simpson.

"They've got money, they're well off and I'm taking her down," Clay Rogers recalls Glen Rogers saying.

Other family members also said Glen Rogers talked about meeting Simpson's ex-wife.

In a statement, Goldman's sister criticized the new documentary.

"I am appalled at the level of irresponsibility demonstrated by the network and the producers of this so-called documentary," Kim Goldman said. "This is the first time we are hearing about this story, and considering that their 'main character,' Glen Rogers, confessed to stabbing my brother and Nicole to death, you would think we would be in the loop."

Simpson is currently serving a prison sentence in Nevada after being convicted in 2008 of leading five men, including two with guns, in a September 2007 confrontation with two sports memorabilia dealers and a middleman at a Las Vegas casino-hotel. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Ryan Murphy pays tribute to television legends Lear, Alda at International Emmys

Television. Producer of Glee closed awards show with presentation to '70s stars

Alan Alda, right, touches statues with Norman Lear after winning Special Founders Awards at the 40th International Emmy Awards, Monday in New York.
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Producer Ryan Murphy paid tribute at the International Emmy Awards to television legends Norman Lear and Alan Alda, whose cutting-edge, socially-conscious shows in the '70s paved the way for his own shows like Glee and The New Normal.

Unlike previous years when Britain dominated the International Emmys, which honour excellence in television production outside the U.S., the winners in the nine categories this year spanned six countries. Argentina, Brazil and Britain each won two awards; Australia, France and Germany had one apiece.

Murphy closed Monday night's awards ceremony by presenting the 40th Anniversary Special Founders Award to All in the Family creator Lear and MASH star Alda.

The International Academy of Television Arts & Sciences decided to mark the milestone anniversary with special awards honouring a producer and performer who had groundbreaking shows on TV in 1972 when the International Emmys were first presented.

Murphy said he was pleased to be presenting the awards "to two of my idols, guys who really did change the face of television and thus the world."

Fittingly, the night's big winner was Argentina's Television x la Inclusion, a drama produced by On TV Contenidos dealing with issues of social exclusion and inclusion. It became the first series in the history of the International Emmys to sweep both acting categories.

Dario Grandinetti, who starred in Pedro Almodovar's film Talk to Her, won the best actor award for his portrayal of a divorced, xenophobic taxi driver determined to drive out his Peruvian neighbours.

Cristina Banegas, a veteran Argentine theatre, film and TV actress, was honoured as best actress for her role as the mother of a girl with Down syndrome who fights her health insurance company when it won't authorize life-saving heart surgery for her daughter.

"Every episode was about a topic related to discrimination," said a surprised and weeping Banegas as she accepted her award. "It was an honour to participate in a work where ethics and television work together."

The British winners were in the documentary category for Terry Pratchett: Choosing to Die, about the author who, after his Alzheimer's diagnosis travels to a Swiss clinic for a first-hand look at assisted suicide procedures, and The Twilight Zone-inspired Black Mirror, a suspenseful and satirical look at the unease created by modern technology, in the TV movie/mini-series category.

Both of Brazil's wins went to TV Globo productions. The Invisible Woman, about a publicist married to his boss whose relationship is threatened by the appearance in his life of his imaginary ideal woman, was chosen the best comedy.

The Illusionist, the story of a scam artist who becomes an illusionist after meeting a magician in jail, won in the telenovela category.

Murphy himself was honoured midway through the awards ceremony hosted by Regis Philbin at the Hilton New York Hotel.

Jessica Lange, the star of Murphy's contemporary gothic TV series American Horror Story, gave a heartfelt tribute to her "dear and loyal friend" as she presented him with the honorary 2012 International Emmy Founders Award.

"He has an uncanny intuition, an instinctive appreciation for understanding the current zeitgeist and acts on it in a way that to me is startling," said Lange.

Murphy, the writer, director and producer whose credits also include Nip/Tuck and Popular, described Lear as "the biggest shaper of my ideological life." He recalled the impact that seeing an episode of All in the Family in which Edith Bunker almost gets raped had on him when he seven because it provoked a family discussion about women's rights.

He hoped that his shows like Glee and The New Normal would shine a spotlight on issues of tolerance, human rights and confronting bigotry.

Murphy said he recently asked Lear in a telephone conversation if he had any advice for him. "He paused ... and he said 'Keep fighting.' And Norman, I want to tell you I am doing just that."

At the end of the ceremony, Murphy returned to the stage to give the special awards to Lear and Alda.

In accepting his award, Alda, who played the wise-cracking, anti-authoritarian Army surgeon Hawkeye Pierce, said Lear opened the door for a show like MASH because on All in the Family he showed that "now we could be funny about things that were serious."

Alda, the only person ever to win U.S. Emmys for acting, writing and directing in the same series, said MASH owed a special debt to the Korean War veterans who shared their personal stories.

"These are the people who really lived through the stories we told decades later — the men and women in those hospital tents who went through the cold of winter and the blood and the pain, the loneliness, and seeing their patients die, some of who were only a couple of years away from being children," Alda said.

Lear, who met Murphy for the first time in person at a luncheon earlier in the day, said he felt deeply that "the world needs to come together and will come together through the arts." Reeling off a list of present-day shows from Homeland and Mad Men to Modern Family and The New Normal, he observed that "this is the golden age of television."

Lear, now 90, couldn't resist the chance to plug a new script he had written about elderly people in a retirement home, but said no networks were interested in the "missing demographic" of those 55 to 105. He said he wanted to title the show Guess Who Died.

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Winners

- The other Emmy winners included France's police drama Braquo — Season 2, about a group of Parisian cops who circumvent the law, using violence and intimidation, for best drama series; Germany's Songs of War, in which Sesame Street composer Christopher Cerf explores the relationship between music and violence after learning his songs had been used to torture prisoners in Guantanamo and Abu Ghraib, for arts programming; and The Amazing Race Australia for non-scripted entertainment.
- Six International Emmys for children's programming will be presented at a new awards ceremony on Feb. 8 in New York.

Nelly Furtado will say farewell to 2012 with New Year's Eve bash

Niagara Falls. Canadian singer talks latest album while reflecting on the past year

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Nelly Furtado will bid 2012 farewell and ring in 2013 by headlining Entertainment Tonight Canada's fourth annual New Year's Eve bash at Niagara Falls.

The show caps a busy time for Furtado — it follows the release of her latest album, recording with David Frost and Andre Bocelli and preparing for a Canadian tour launching in her hometown of Victoria on Jan. 8.

Congratulations on the New Year's Eve show. Why did you want to do it?
Last year, I had the pleasure of watching it on TV and I thought, "Wow, what a fun party" so I put it out there on some level, and the timing is really good with my tour with Hedley and the Dragonettes. I'm actually really excited about it.

As the headliner, you'll be onstage at midnight. Who are you going to kiss?
Well, my husband, but I don't want to do that on television, so I'll dance with wild abandon so people will forget that moment.

I'll be busy singing, but I'll be watching the other people kissing.

New Year's is time to party but also time to reflect. What are you grateful for these days?
I'm grateful to be Canadian, to live in a country with so many freedoms and liberty and peace, the ability to walk down the street and not worry about violence and I'm really grateful to be ambassador for Free the Children.

It's remarkably fulfilling for me and I meet pretty inspiring people.

Then you're touring Canada for The Spirit Indestructible. In the dead of winter!
Isn't that funny — a Canadian tour in dead of winter? I'm a true Canadian!

I'm kind of excited to think that, it has a ring to it. Guaranteed we'll be stuck in the snow.

The Spirit Indestructible mixes musical influences and languages. It's so rich.
I think it's kind of creative rain, like what I had writing in Spanish.

It was very fulfilling and almost like an English drought. I had nothing to say in English for two or three years and one day the rain came down and hallelujah! Lord only knows what I'll do next.

It's been a rush of adrenaline and a creative high. I'm recording a follow-up in Spanish and a follow-up in English and Spanish.

Why did you draw inspiration from looking back to your early music?
I think the best songs look backward. Think how nostalgic Tragically Hip's Phantom Power is.

It makes you feel great. Bryan Adams' Summer of 69. It's truly reliving a moment sonically and if you can do that with music, you can time travel. It's fun for the listener and the creator.

Will your nine year old daughter Nevis be at the Falls show?
Every kid loves staying up till midnight. It's one of the greatest joys of the holidays!

Nelly Furtado is set to rock ET Canada's New Year's Eve at Niagara Falls on Dec. 31 at 10 p.m. on Global. GETTY IMAGES

Boss. Starz cancels Kelsey Grammer's turn as Chicago mayor

Starz television network has decided not to give Kelsey Grammer another term as mayor of Chicago.

The cable network said Tuesday that it was cancelling the drama Boss after two seasons. The show premiered to critical acclaim, starring Grammer as tyrannical Chicago mayor Tom Kane. The role earned Grammer a Golden Globe for best actor in a drama earlier this year.

Starz says in a statement that although the network is proud of the show, it has "made the difficult decision to not proceed with Boss." The move was a flip-flop for Starz, which renewed the show for a second season even before its first season began.

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Nicki Minaj Re-Upping with another release

New music. Rapper, pop-star talks about second CD's re-release, American Idol and working with Mariah Carey (sort of)

Nicki Minaj, the rapper who has had much success on the pop charts with songs like Starships and Super Bass, says the re-release of her sophomore album will be nostalgic for her early fans.

"The feel of the re-release is kind of like my first sound, like the mixtapes," she said of Pink Friday: Roman Reloaded — The Re-Up, out Tuesday.

The re-release comes seven months after Pink Friday: Roman Reloaded debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard charts. That album features pop, dance, R&B, reggae and rap sounds. It's a far stretch from when Minaj kicked off her career as a sexed-up street rapper, signed by Lil Wayne in 2009 after she released three buzzed-about mixtapes. Her official debut, Pink Friday, is near double platinum and was nominated for a Grammy Award.

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"It sounds probably more hood in some ways, for a lack of a better word."

Nicki Minaj
Talking about the re-release of her album

But the 29-year-old says she's "back to basics" on her eight-track Re-Up, which features Lil Wayne, Tyga and some of Minaj's protégés.

"It sounds probably more hood in some ways, for a lack of a better word," she said.

Her pop fans won't be disappointed, though: There's also the Dr. Luke-produced, dance-flavoured Va Va Voom.

In a recent telephone interview, Minaj talked about her new music, artists she is mentoring and working (kind of) with Mariah Carey on American Idol.

What's the energy like on the re-release?
I studied a lot of the production side of this particular re-release. It was just important that the beats sounded a certain way. ... I was really able to step up the writing on it as well.

This album features some of your signed artists, Parker and Thomas Brinx. How's it feel to pay it forward?
It's exciting, because I think that I'm finally in a position to open doors for other people and it's a great feeling because I feel like they're so, so talented. Parker, he's actually from London and he's a writer, producer, singer ... and I'm going to be putting out music with him at the top of the year. ... Brinx was someone that I knew for a long time. I was rapping with him before I even got a deal and his skills have always been so exceptional. ... So I always felt like if I got an opportunity I would bring him along and now I have that opportunity.

You let cameras follow you for a three-part reality special on E! What was that like?
It's been fun because I think that my fans are getting a real kick out of it. I'm happy I did it. ... I don't really have an opinion on it. It was just a decision for me to show more of myself and I never really know how people are going to react to it, so I've started stepping back and away, and getting away from just over thinking it.

Were you hesitant about doing it?
Of course I was hesitant. I'm a very private person. I definitely thought about it a lot and then I went for it.

What are your favourite albums of the year?
I really have been enjoying all of the hip-hop albums that came out because I feel like hip-hop artists have been taking their careers into their own hands and I just want to give a salute to everyone because it's not easy. ... The music has been sort of changing and adding new sounds to the game and introducing new people to the game, so I would just give a big nod to hip-hop.

Is working as a judge on American Idol what you thought it would be like?
No. ... They're very long days and that's the biggest thing I didn't really expect. ... I'm used to being able to handle my business at any time, and when it's American Idol, sometimes we're in one place for eight hours judging people and I can't go to my BlackBerry every five minutes like I'm used to. So that kind of slows my business down and that is something that I never could have foreseen.

How are you and Mariah Carey, another new judge on Idol, getting along?
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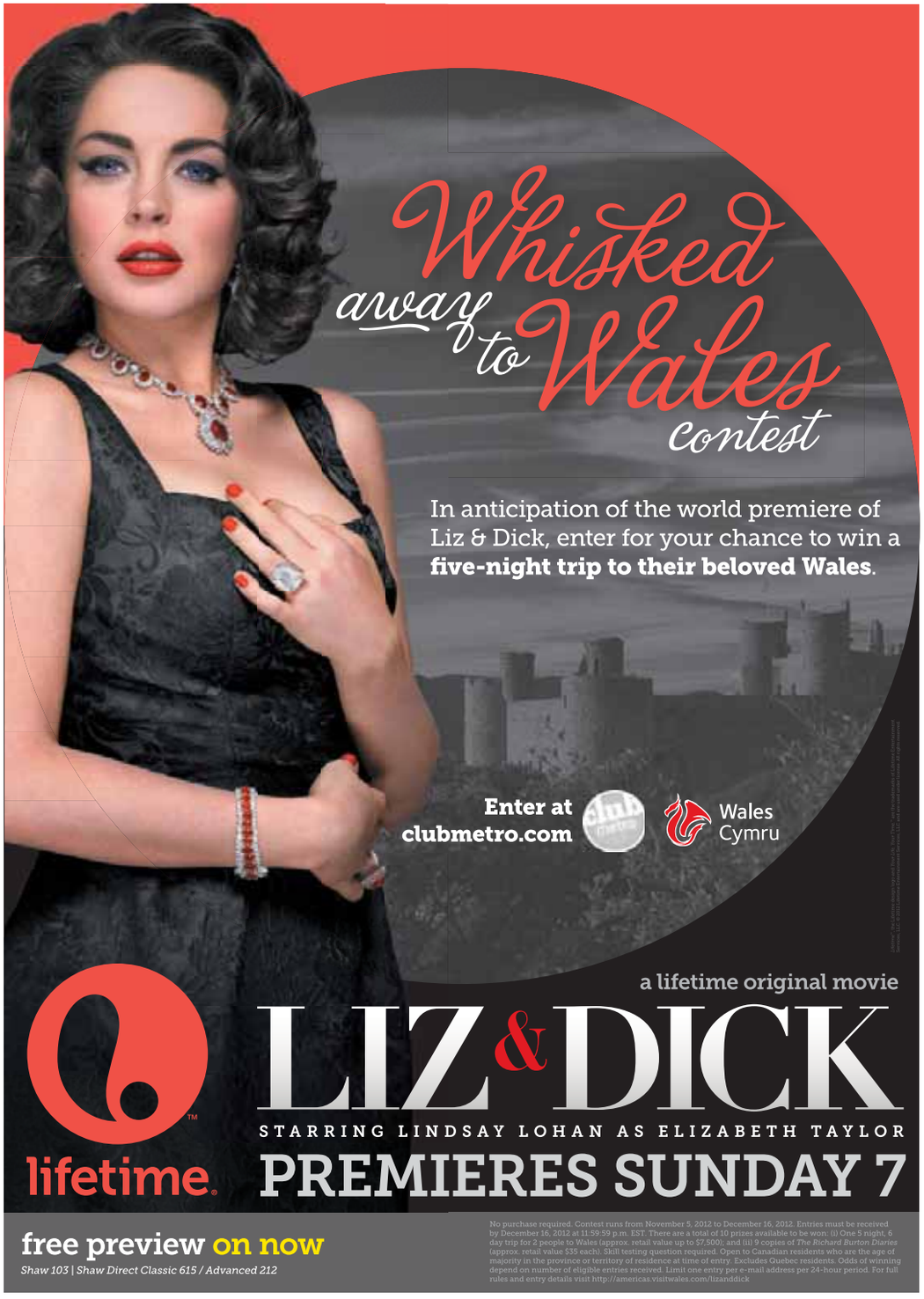
Nicki Minaj is releasing Pink Friday: Roman Reloaded — The Re-Up on Tuesday. EVAN AGOSTINI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Out of the closet and on to Broadway

Music. R. Kelly reveals he is working to bring his Trapped in the Closet series to the stage

R. Kelly is working on a Broadway adaptation of Trapped in the Closet. MARK J. TERRILL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Is Broadway ready for Twan, Sylvester, Pimp Lucius and "the package?"

R. Kelly thinks so — and says he's working to bring the wacky characters and plotlines in his even wackier Trapped in the Closet series to the Great White Way.

The superstar announced Monday night that he's had an offer to bring the cult classic to the stage, and he may even be in some performances.

"To transform it into a Broadway version, that's what I'm working on," he told a packed house at the Sunshine Theater, where he unveiled the latest chapters of Trapped in the Closet, which will debut on the IFC channel on Friday.

Kelly gave no other details about a possible Broadway adaptation of the wildly popular video opera. It got its start from a stirring series of songs Kelly debuted in 2005, which ended with a cliffhanger. The songs captured so much attention that Kelly made an over-the-top video series about it that just got crazier and crazier as he added more chapters.

Kelly has often referred to Trapped as an alien, and on Monday, he said: "I'm glad to be one of the astronauts to take this thing to the unknown."

He thanked the enthusiastic crowd for accepting the series, and admitted that he always wanted to act.

"Somehow, I landed Trapped in the Closet from being silly."

He also joked about the ridiculous nature of the series.

"I'm just having a lot of fun. I don't have a job, so I sit in the studio all day and think of stuff to do and this is just something stupid I've done that's been successful for me," he said. "I'm having a lot of fun with it."

The latest chapters introduce a few new faces, and like the others series, ends with a cliffhanger. While it's taken Kelly five years to add these latest chapters, Kelly says he won't take as long to produce more.

"I want everybody to know I've got 85 chapters of Trapped in the Closet waiting in the studio for y'all," he said. "The chapters that are coming — the show, we call it — is going to exceed every chapter that you have ever seen."

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"The show, we call it — is going to exceed every chapter that you have ever seen."

R. Kelly
Talking about Trapped in the Closet.

Blue Bloods. Wahlberg hopes Esposito 'doing good' after suspension

Donnie Wahlberg hopes his Blue Bloods co-star Jennifer Esposito is OK, but has no idea when, or if, she's returning to the show.

CBS suspended the actress from the Tom Selleck-starring police drama, claiming she can't fulfil the full-time demands of the show. Esposito fired back on Twitter, accusing the network of "absolutely shameful behaviour."

Esposito tweeted that she's been diagnosed with celiac disease and requires a reduced work schedule.

Celiac disease is a digestive disorder caused by foods that contain gluten, a protein found in wheat.

The network has said it hopes Esposito will be able to return.

For the time being, her role as Wahlberg's partner is being rotated by new characters played by Megan Ketch and Megan Goode.

When asked about the change, the actor deflected the question.

"Danny Reagan gets around. He likes girls a lot."

Wahlberg made the comments on the red carpet of the International Emmy Awards.

He said of Esposito: "She's a friend and I hope she's doing good. I love working with her, so we'll see what happens."

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Selena Gomez and Justin Bieber. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Gomez and Bieber caught cuddling after AMAs

It's getting tough to keep track of where Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez are in their breaking up and making up.

After a fiery, argument-filled dinner this weekend that ended with Gomez storming off, the pair apparently reunited after the American Music Awards Sunday night to celebrate Bieber's wins, according to Us Weekly.

Gomez and Bieber hit up a private party hosted by Bieber's manager, sticking to a hidden table in the back room with plenty of security around as they snuck in a few kisses, a source reveals, adding that they were, "dancing on each other. They seemed to be in great spirits and were clearly enjoying their time together."

They reportedly left together through a back exit at around 2:30 a.m.

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The Word

Rihanna's fans (hostages) finally released from her tour

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Monday night was Ri-Ri's final show in New York, finishing off a week of mayhem at 35,000 feet. Metro has been by her side for seven crazy days.

Back up by 24 hours: Prior to Monday's show in London, Rihanna was at the Westfield Shopping mall in Stratford (built just before the Olympic Games), to set the Christmas light display ablaze. Rumour has it she got $793,000 to show up, but there's no confirmation yet. There, Rihanna holds the closest she has gotten to a press conference.

"I love this album like it wasn't my own!" she exclaims.

After one song, she takes off in a golf cart, leaving her fans disappointed.

"I've been waiting since 12 o'clock," fan Vanessa Leadbitter says. "I love Rihanna, but she could have played more than one song!"

Fast-forward five hours and we're at the venue: The Forum in London's Kentish Town area.

Rihanna enters on time (almost), which might have something to do with the fact that Jay-Z is livestreaming the gig. The star puts on her best performance since Stockholm, despite technical problems.

At the after-party, she's nowhere to be seen, but the backing band are pleased.

"It helps not being four hours late," one mutters.

At 3 a.m., the buses leave the hotel for the airport. A mere six hours after that, we're on the plane to New York.

Ashton Kutcher

Kutcher following Kunis around on her shooting schedule

Ashton Kutcher seems to be choosing where to spend his time these days based on where rumoured girlfriend Mila Kunis is shooting a movie.

After a few months in New York, the couple has now been spotted in Rome, where Kunis is filming The Third Person, according to Hollyscoop.

They also found time for some romantic dinners out and strolling around the city hand-in-hand, doing little to keep their relationship under wraps.

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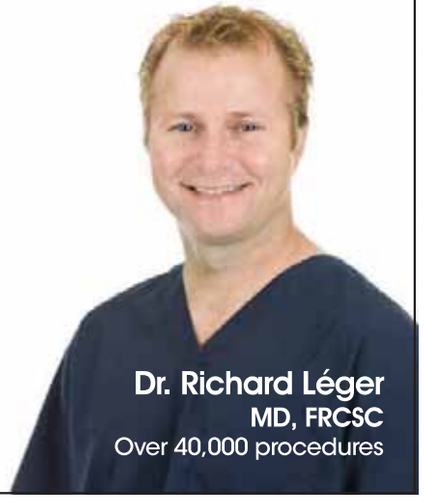

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Disney's Magic Europe

Starting June, 2013, the Disney Magic cruise ship sails to new ports in Turkey and Italy. Disney Cruise Line partners with local tourist companies to deliver unique family oriented Port Adventures. These pre-booked excursions include activities for the whole family. The Magic will have four, seven, and 12 days sailings to the Mediterranean this summer.

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Turkey

A scavenger hunt in St. John Basilica has guests following clues and finding treasures to help an archaeologist (actor) solve a puzzle, while touring this ancient church, home to St. John the Apostle's burial spot. The hunt continues in the ancient Roman city of Ephesus, where groups can speak with a real archeologist to learn the art of a "dig" and look for treasure. A lunch tour features Grecian gowns for guests to wear as they eat typical Roman food, meet Cleopatra and judge an epic battle between two gladiators. Disney gives parents the opportunity to shop in Sirince, while kids are given a lesson on how to make typical glass bead bracelets or necklaces. A trip to the traditional Turkish Bath is also organized.

Rome

Every Disney Mediterranean cruise stops in Rome, and most cruisers want to hit "the big five." The Vatican (museum), St. Peter's Basilica, the Coliseum, the Pantheon and the Trevi Fountain. There are a variety of port excursions to choose for these. Other Port Adventures include the Gallerie Borghese and Teatro del Burattino. Unique to Disney, a puppet show in English delights the kids while parents grab 45 minutes of shopping (or a quick gelato) at the nearby Spanish Steps. Kids are supervised by youth counsellors from the ship; parents are welcome to stay. An adult-only activity is offered at the ArtStudio Café to create mosaic art under the direction of one of Rome's premier artists, while enjoying wine, local cheese and cured meats.

Venice

Venice is the only overnight stop on the 12-day cruise. Developed for kids, Venetian mask making is proving to be popular for families. Guidance is provided by professional mask makers as guests paint and decorate a unique souvenir. The Canottieri Bucintoro rowing club will take guests aged 16 and over for a unique three hour opportunity to learn how to row like a Gondolier in the waters of Venice. Participants are awarded a certificate in "voga veneta", as well as prosecco and snacks. Venice's most famous landmark, the Doge's Palace, is made available for a private tour after hours, and in true Disney style, a special reception at the end of the tour is hosted by Disney Princesses, who come ashore from the ship.

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A weekend in Mexico City

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Mexico City is like a map of the human brain: a simmering, complex, ever-changing storehouse of history, art, fashion and food. At 923 square kilometres and 20 million people, you could spend weeks just getting acquainted, but with cheaper fares now available, it's possible to enjoy this fascinating city in shorter increments.

Saturday

A good place to start is the Museum of Anthropology, where you'll get a sense of the country's ancient culture and mythology. With jet-lag working in your favour, head over early to beat the crowds, and then wander among edifices of ancient temples, handmade gold and turquoise jewelry and the original Stone of the Sun, a.k.a. the Aztec Calendar.

After learning what's come before, it's time to plunge into modern Mexico. Head to the Zocalo, the bustling plaza in the heart of historic downtown, and stop into the National Palace to see Diego Rivera's rustic yet bitingly political murals. Spend a quiet moment in the Metropolitan Cathedral before lunch at a rooftop restaurant overlooking the square — and the excavation of an ancient temple found during a dig to lay the electrical system.

After a brief siesta, cap off your day with shopping, dinner and nightlife in the hip Condessa and adjoining La Roma neighbourhoods. There, you'll find a mixture of tourist spots and local shops.

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Sunday

Start your day in Coyoacan, a quaint, relaxed neighbourhood and home to Casa Azul, where artists Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera lived from 1929 to 1954. Their passion is evident in both their lovingly preserved household and their exhibited works. But let's get real — you're there for the food.

A few blocks south of Casa Azul is the Mercado de Coyoacan: a massive indoor space where vendors sling some of the freshest (and cheapest) street fare in the city. Service is friendly but dizzyingly brisk — just belly up to a table, be brave and order. Don't miss Tostadas de Coyoacan, where shrimp or fish ceviche is piled atop delicately crisp tortillas.

Continue south to the Plaza del Coyocan to cool your tongue with a paleta (cream- or fruit-based popsicle) or to re-energize with a cappuccino. Just off the plaza is the Mercado Artisinal, where you can shop for local crafts and freshly-blended molé powder (which, unlike the fresh paste, can be smuggled home in your carry-on).

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Roasted Vegetable Quiche offers a hint of delicious cheesy indulgence

Roasted Vegetable Quiche

This recipe serves eight. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

This simple, colourful quiche is jammed with seasonal vegetables and has just enough rich Gruyère to make it taste indulgent.

But the most indulgent aspect of this recipe is that it can be prepared and baked the day before your next family dinner, meaning you have one less dish to worry about on the day of.

Just pop it into a 300 F oven for 10 to 15 minutes to warm right before serving.

Ingredients

- 1 red bell pepper, cored and diced
- 1 small red onion, diced
- 1 small sweet potato, peeled and diced
- 1 medium zucchini, diced
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tbsp minced fresh rosemary
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp ground black pepper
- 1 prepared raw 9-inch pie crust
- 3/4 cup shredded cheese
- 6 eggs
- 1 cup half-and-half

1. Heat the oven to 400 F.

2. In a large bowl, toss together the red pepper, red onion, sweet potato and zucchini. Add the olive oil, rosemary, salt and pepper, then stir to coat. Spread the mixture on a rimmed baking sheet and roast for 30 minutes, or until the vegetables are tender and beginning to brown. Remove the vegetables from the oven.

3. Reduce the heat to 350 F.

4. If it isn't already, fit the pie crust into a pie pan, crimping the edges as needed. Place the pie shell on a baking sheet and add the roasted vegetables. Top with the cheese.

5. In a medium bowl, whisk together the eggs and the half-and-half. Pour over the cheese and vegetables. Bake for 45 minutes, or until slightly puffed and set in the middle. Allow to cool slightly before serving.

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Drink of the Week

No. 11

We're not sure why it's called No. 11 but this drink combines bitters with honey and vanilla for a very unique combination.

- Dash Angostura bitters
- 1 bar spoon of honey syrup
- 2 oz vanilla bean bourbon

Stir the Angostura bitters, honey syrup and vanilla bean bourbon; strain into a glass with ice and garnish with three brandied cherries.

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Lemon Pecan Mousse Cake: A delicately sweet treat

Ingredients

For the pecan sponge cake:
- 5 oz (1 1/4 cups) pecans, toasted and cooled, plus a few more for garnish
- 1/2 cup sifted cake flour
- 3/4 cup sugar, divided
- 4 eggs, separated
- Pinch of salt

For the lemon mousse:
- 1 tbsp cornstarch
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 4 eggs
- 2/3 cup lemon juice
- Zest of 2 lemons
- 2 1/2 cups heavy cream

1. Heat the oven to 350 F. Lightly coat a 9-inch springform pan with baking spray.

2. In a food processor, combine the pecans, cake flour and 1/4 cup of the sugar. Process until finely ground. Transfer to a large bowl and set aside.

3. In bowl, use an electric mixer to beat together the egg yolks and another 1/4 cup sugar until thick and pale. Set aside.

4. In another clean bowl with a clean whisk, beat together the egg whites, salt and the remaining 1/4 cup sugar until thick and glossy stiff peaks form.

5. Gently fold the egg yolks and half of the egg whites into the pecan flour. Fold the remaining egg whites into the mixture until thoroughly but gently combined. Spoon the mixture into the prepared pan and bake for 30 to 40 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted at the centre comes out clean. Set aside, in the pan, to cool completely.

6. While the cake is baking, begin the mousse. In a medium saucepan, whisk together the cornstarch and sugar, then add the eggs and whisk until smooth. Add the lemon juice and zest, then set over medium heat. Whisking constantly, bring the mixture to a boil; cook until it thickens. If there are any lumps, strain the mixture. Transfer to a large bowl and set aside to cool.

7. Once cake and mousse base are cool, in bowl, use an electric mixer to whip heavy cream to medium peaks. Fold half cream into the mousse base. When thoroughly combined, fold in the remaining whipped cream. Spoon mixture onto the cake. Garnish with toasted pecans and refrigerate at least 2 hours.

8. When ready to serve, run a paring knife around the edge of the pan and loosen the sides. Remove the sides of the springform pan and serve.

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To market, to market to land a new gig

Create your dream career. How to break into the marketing field without a business degree

JUSTINE ABIGAIL YU
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More than the degree, employers want to see that you can apply yourself creatively, so step up and show them something different.. ISTOCK

"You're an artsie, you're an artsie, you're an artsie overjoyed… but you'll always be an artsie and you'll never be employed!"

Or so the chant goes. This was one of the playful taunts that would be hurled at us arts students back in university.

I studied political science and sociology in my undergrad and one question I always used to get from family and friends was, "What are you gonna do with that?"

Well, let's just say I turned it into a blossoming career (modesty aside) in communications and marketing for the non-profit sector. It's not quite the traditional or linear route, but is there ever such a thing in life?

I first broke into the industry back in 2009 with a winning combination of great timing, determination, and good ol' fashioned hard work.

Social media (now part and parcel of marketing and communications) was just beginning to blow up in the non-profit world and I somehow nabbed myself a social media internship at an international development organization. Since then, I've worked in communications and marketing positions with non-profits and businesses alike. So how do I do it even without the degree?

Hit the books

A lot of what I've learned has been self-taught. I hit the books and the blogs to learn about basic marketing principles and to keep up with the latest social media trends.

It's something that I haven't stopped doing since I entered the field. In the fast-paced technological world we live in today, it's essential to keep up with the latest trends to keep your edge.

Be a Jack of all trades and a master of one

Who ever said that this had to be an either/or option? I honestly believe that in today's world, it's not enough that you just specialize in one thing and one thing alone. You've got to have a wide and diverse set of skills to thrive in this dynamic and often uncertain economy.

That's why I continually build on my skill set, learning the basics of coding and Photoshop while exploring new tech tools available. Trust me, there is great value in this versatility and being someone that your employers can always count on ain't a bad thing!

Leverage that arts degree

I didn't go to business school and I don't have a marketing or communications degree, but my background as an arts student has equipped me with skills absolutely vital in this field. I've leveraged the analytical, research and communication skills that every arts student has mastered (or at least should have mastered) after four years of undergrad.

Dream it, be it

"Live and breathe the position you want to see yourself in and present yourself as such."
Justine Abigail Yu

Network, network, network

When I first started, I networked like crazy. In fact, I still do and you should too. Attend industry events and connect with all kinds of professionals more experienced than you. Set up informational interviews to really immerse yourself in the field and extract as much knowledge and information from them as possible.

Market yourself

What kind of marketer or communicator would you be if you couldn't even sell yourself, right? Build your personal brand and carve a niche for yourself. Find a way to set yourself apart from the rest of the crowd. I've done that by making a home for myself on the Internet and giving an alternative to that boring old text-based resumé.

Fake it 'til you make it

The rest is what I like to call faking it 'til you make it. For a while, you'll feel like a bit of a sham working in the field without the degree or experience (I know I did!), but trust me, that stuff is overrated. Live and breathe the position you want to see yourself in and present yourself as such. Learn the ropes, work relentlessly hard, make those connections and before you know it, you've broken into the industry and are probably rocking it without even realizing it.

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Student voice

How far must we go to get a foot in the door?

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I have had such little luck looking for work.

I originally graduated with a three-year diploma in chemical engineering technology in 2008, but I was unable to find a position. I then decided to return to school to complete my undergraduate degree in environmental geosciences.

I have spent the last year or so testing the market for what is available in terms of internships, full- or part-time work and volunteering, and I have not been able to make any sort of impression.

I have even resorted to emailing and writing letters to consulting companies and other various firms, telling them I would be willing to work for free. This generated a tepid response at best.

I have been to some of the job forums in Toronto recently, including the Green Jobs Forum, and I tried making connections with some of the lecturers and professionals who I felt shared the same interests as I do. It has been the same story: I cannot seem to get any further along the way of landing even an unpaid internship.

I have emailed, called and left voicemails for potential employers just for the purpose of asking some questions and maybe getting some information about their job outlook, but I have come up far too short.

I have spent more than six years in post-secondary institutions and I cannot get an employer to take a second look at me and offer me at least an interview.

I am frustrated as I am unemployed and scheduled to start paying back my student loan this month.

Help!

What I'm doing now

I am currently taking correspondence to finish up my B.Sc. I spend at least four to five hours a day trying to build my resumé and applying for jobs, internships and volunteer work. I have not even been able to find any sort of work-related volunteer positions.

My advice for employers, schools and career centres

I would recommend that employers take more of a chance on new graduates. They do not need to even pay us, but in terms of allowing us access to the experience and resources we need to start our careers, that would be a big bonus. I would also suggest that school career centres could be of more help, but from my understanding, even the professors are having trouble finding internships for a lot of the students that are requesting them.

My advice for students

All I would say is that you need to try to utilize all the resources you can. It also seems to be better to make as many contacts as possible.

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Bring your most creative concepts to any interview in order to show your commitment to the company's success. ISTOCK

Make your first-meeting mark

Introduction ideas. Acing the marketing interview is as easy as knowing your stuff and proving your potential

SAMANTHA SIM
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Interviews can be a nerve-wracking event. I think most people can agree with that statement.

But they're especially stressful when it's your first time interviewing for a position in that industry. That is exactly how I felt this summer when I had an interview to work with the vice-president of marketing and communications at a board of trade.

Going into the interview with the following three tips in mind really helped me and, in the end, I landed the job!

Come prepared with ideas

This is true for job interviews in all industries, but extremely important for marketing positions. Researching the company's marketing initiatives and presenting skills you bring to the table that can help them with existing strategies — as well as having some new ideas — can set you apart from other candidates.

For example, from the little research I did on the board of trade's website, I discovered that they published a business trade magazine and used it as a strategy to increase brand recognition and attract potential clients. Recognizing this, I brainstormed a few ideas for stories I thought would interest entrepreneurs and presented them during the interview. I also highlighted my background in journalism and that I could help them with writing for future issues.

Have real-life examples and/or bring a portfolio

It's great to have all these grand ideas, but it's even more important to give an employer the impression you can pull them off. A large part of my interview was spent talking about previous experiences in marketing, telling specific stories or examples of successes, as well as not so successful attempts and what I had learned from them.

If you have a portfolio, bring it. Even if you don't think the work showcased in your portfolio relates to what the employer is looking for, still show it to them.

One strategy I use when I run into this situation is that I will show the interviewer my portfolio and tell them, "I know this job won't involve a lot of writing, but I wanted to show you my published work so you can see that when I set out to do something, I do the best work possible." This demonstrates to the interviewer that you'll bring a solid level of commitment and effort to the position.

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Social savvy

Before your interview, take a look at the organization's social media presence.

- Know which sites they have profiles on, which ones they don't and what type of content they tweet, post, etc. Don't be afraid to make suggestions if you think they could benefit from posting new styles of content or having a presence on other social networks.
- For example, before my interview, I took a quick look on the organization's website and it was brought to my attention that they didn't have a large social media presence. During the interview, I talked about my experience with different platforms and mentioned ideas I had for the business to connect with professionals through LinkedIn and Twitter.
- It turned out that one of the things on their summer to-do list was to increase the organization's presence on LinkedIn. One of the reasons they hired me was because I had suggested marketing strategies with that platform.

Show them what you've got

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Stampeders lineman Obby Khan arrives with his teammates in Toronto for the 100th annual Grey Cup on Tuesday. VINCENT ELKAIM/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Stamps cowboy-up for Toronto arrival

CFL. Lineman Khan and teammates 'representing Western Canada' upon touchdown in Ontario

Calgary offensive lineman Obby Khan has been to three Grey Cups in the past five seasons, so he considers himself something along the lines of the older, wiser, elderly statesman of his unit.

That's why, when the Stampeders landed in Toronto Tuesday evening, Khan was among the players who elected to dress "cowboy" instead of wearing a suit and tie.

"Are you kidding, we're representing Western Canada," said Khan, the six-foot-four, 270-pounder who might have been the biggest cowboy on his team Tuesday night.

"You get a chance to dress up like this once a year if you are lucky, so why not take advantage and have some fun. And it's natural for me, since I am the best-dressed, best-looking (offensive lineman) here."

The "older and wiser" reference is Khan's own phrasing. At 32, the Ottawa native is indeed the oldest O-lineman Calgary will suit up for the 100th Grey Cup Sunday against the Argos.

Khan was sporting a sheriff's badge on his plaid shirt. The badge is symbolic of his elderly status. Khan, though, fell short in the 2011 Grey Cup with Winnipeg, and suffered a leg injury in 2007 with the Bombers that kept him out of the game.

So when Stampeders coach John Hufnagel gave his club the option to dress western or suit-and-tie for the trip to Toronto, Khan wasn't about to let the fun pass him by.

"I never cowboyed up before," Khan said.

"We went to these stores last night.... I didn't know python-skin boots came in size 14."

That's the way the Stamps entered the Toronto scene.

The team aimed to hit the big city wrapped in a little western-themed clothing. The week will get progressively more intense and focused, so a little fun on the way in helped break up the seriousness that will be at hand in the 100th Grey Cup game Sunday.

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"I'm from Detroit. We don't do Cowboy."

Stampeders quarterback Kevin Glenn, who arrived in Toronto in a costly suit, a couple of high-end suitcases and a pair of Stampeders-red headphones.

CFL. Fans show Argonauts love at downtown rally

As the Calgary Stampeders slogged through traffic to their hotel from Pearson Airport to begin the hectic business of Grey Cup week, the Toronto Argonauts were having a love-in with their fans at a downtown rally.

About 2,000, many wearing the Argonauts' Double Blue jersey, cheered and shouted "Ricky, Ricky" for star quarterback Ricky Ray at Yonge-Dundas Square on Tuesday evening in support of a team that earned the rare chance to play a Grey Cup game at home.

The Argonauts will face the Stampeders in the CFL championship game Sunday at Rogers Centre.

"You're always trying to make them proud," said Ray, the veteran who was acquired from Edmonton last winter in a bid to get the Argonauts into the 100th Grey Cup on home turf. "True fans have stuck with us all year long and we're getting some new fans too who are really catching on to the excitement we've been able to capture late in the season.

"This is what we play for — these people and this city — and we're just looking forward to playing for the championship."

The teams get down to business Wednesday with practices at the domed stadium.

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Argos quarterback Ricky Ray waves to fans on Tuesday night in Toronto. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

CFL

Ticats making move to Guelph during stadium construction

The Hamilton Tiger-Cats will play CFL home games next season at the University of Guelph while their new stadium is being built, says team president Scott Mitchell.

The university stadium only has 7,500 seats currently, and Mitchell couldn't say yet exactly how many might be added next year but he said there should be enough to accommodate all season-ticket holders in some fashion.

"I think any facility we were looking at, obviously, for 2013 was going to require some temporary facilities and infrastructure," Mitchell said Tuesday.

A new 24,000-seat field is being built on the site of Ivor Wynne Stadium, the team's home for the past 84 years. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CFL

Accolades pile up for Owens, Cornish

Chad Owens has reached another high point in his stellar season after winning the CFL offensive player of the week award for his role in leading the Toronto Argonauts to a spot in the 100th Grey Cup.

The Toronto slotback registered a club playoff record 207 yards on 11 receptions in the Argonauts' 27-20 win over the Montreal Alouettes in the East Division final on Sunday. He had a 70-yard reception early in the third quarter that set up a momentum-grabbing touchdown for Toronto.

It was also a milestone for the West's outstanding player nominee. Calgary running back Jon Cornish was named top Canadian after helping the Stampeders advance to the Grey Cup with a 34-29 win over B.C.

The New Westminster, B.C., native ran for a game-high 112 yards on 18 carries and also added 42 yards on two receptions.

Cornish led the league with 1,457 yards in the regular season, a record for a Canadian running back.

Argonauts linebacker Marcus Ball was named the defensive player of the week with five tackles and two interceptions.

Ball intercepted two Anthony Calvillo passes in the second half, helping prevent the Alouettes from making a late comeback.

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CFL fans know how to throw a party

Grey Cup. Regardless of what team they support, fans around the country plan to celebrate on Sunday

B.C. Lions fans Ray Brittain and his wife Jenny pose for a photograph at their home in New Westminster, B.C., on Monday. Regardless of whether their home team is in the final, CFL fans are universally game for a celebration come Grey Cup time. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

With her beloved B.C. Lions out of the running for Sunday's Grey Cup, Jenny Brittain won't have a chance to roar her support for the hometown team — but she still plans to party come game day.

Brittain and her husband of 49 years, Ray, are co-founders of the Lion Backers Fan Club and are fervent boosters of the team. The great-grandmother joined others during the season to bring a variety of edible treats to the players, from fresh fruit and cakes to cookies and baked loaves.

In the past, Brittain said they have joined a select few for a Grey Cup potluck comprising comfort food favourites like chili and potato salad.

While still unsure of whether she'll be watching from home or elsewhere on Sunday, she plans to have crackers, cream cheese and pepper jelly at the ready to root for the Toronto Argonauts to take the title on home turf against the Calgary Stampeders.

"With the Grey Cup being there, I think they deserve to win," she said in an interview from her home in New Westminster, B.C.

The 76-year-old was there to witness the Lions hoist the league championship trophy at home last year, and said the celebrations and atmosphere surrounding the Grey Cup are reminiscent of another high-profile sporting event staged in the city.

"It's like when we had the Olympics here, it's the same feeling," Brittain said.

"You've got something big going and you're involved in it. Your whole province should be involved in this. And it just gives you — I don't know. It makes you want to cheer."

The Montreal Alouettes may have missed a shot at a Grey Cup berth, but supporter Claude Martel still hopes to bring his customary pre-game celebration to Toronto — not to mention a cooler filled with sausages, patties and fine cuts of meat. The computer programmer and father of two is hoping to try to find a spot near the Rogers Centre on Sunday to organize a tailgate, not unlike the gatherings he helped stage prior to Alouette home games. This year, the 50-year-old also travelled to Hamilton and Winnipeg to support the team.

Regardless of which team they support, Martel said there's a sense of camaraderie among all the league's fans during the Grey Cup, pointing as an example to the contingent of Calgary fans who travel and organize free breakfasts.

"It's a big brotherhood. There's no rivalry here," he said. "It's all CFL fans."

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NCAA

Division III player sets new record with 138 points

Jack Taylor scored 138 points to shatter the NCAA scoring record in Division III Grinnell's 179-104 victory over Faith Baptist Bible on Tuesday night.

Taylor made 27 of 71 three-point attempts, was 52 of 108 overall from the field and added seven free throws on 10 attempts in 36 minutes.

"It felt like anything I tossed up was going in," said Taylor, a five-foot-10 sophomore guard from Black River Falls, Wis.

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NBA

Knicks roll to 8-1 in New Orleans

Carmelo Anthony scored 29 points and the New York Knicks extended the undermanned New Orleans Hornets' losing streak to four games with a 102-80 victory Tuesday night.

Raymond Felton and J.R. Smith each added 15 points. Felton scored all of his points on five three-pointers as New York hit 14 three-pointers as a team.

Tyson Chandler grabbed 12 rebounds for the Knicks, who are 8-1 for only the third time in franchise history.

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Boxing. Former champ Camacho critically injured in shooting

Police in Puerto Rico say former boxing champion Hector (Macho) Camacho has been shot and critically wounded.

Camacho was shot in the face while in a car outside a bar in Bayamon, one of the cities that make up the San Juan metropolitan area. A statement from police in Bayamon said he was shot Tuesday night.

A second man also was shot and killed but authorities say it is not clear what relationship, if any, Camacho had with the other victim. The motive was unknown.

The 50-year-old former boxer was unconscious as he was taken to the trauma centre at Centro Medico in San Juan. Hospital officials told reporters he was in serious condition.

Hector Camacho in December 2006
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Camacho won super lightweight, lightweight and junior welterweight world titles in the 1980s.

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NHL. Players on clock for new proposal

The ball is back in the hands of the NHL Players' Association.

With collective bargaining talks set to resume at the NHL head office on Wednesday morning, the union is expected to table a new proposal. It comes on the heels of a 90-minute meeting on Monday evening, where the league asked NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr to put together a comprehensive offer that includes how to split revenue and rules governing player contracts.

"We've never heard a full proposal from them," said deputy commissioner Bill Daly. "We've heard their proposal on economics, they're still suggesting that they're moving in our direction on economics. Until we know exactly where they stand on economics ... we think it's all tied together.

"We'd like to hear it all together."

In addition to revenue split and player contract rules, the sides need to work out how to pay for the damage caused by the lockout. In the NHLPA's most recent offer, which was tabled Nov. 7, the union asked for the players' share of revenues to jump in fixed increments of 1.75 per cent each season, starting from the $1.883 billion they took in last year.

That proposal didn't include the mechanism that would be used to account for the reduced revenue generated during a shortened 2012-13 season.

The NHL would prefer a proposal based on a percentage of annual revenue.

"If their proposal continues to be a guaranteed player amount, sitting here on Nov. 19, that's not a proposal that would ever be acceptable to us," said Daly. "If that happens to be where we are, we will be a long way apart."

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More games under the axe?

The meeting on Wednesday comes at the same time the league is expected to cancel more games.

- According to sources, the NHL has decided to wipe the first two weeks of December off the schedule, which will bring the total lost during the lockout to more than 400 games.

Newly reinstated Blue Jays manager John Gibbons speaks to members of the media in Toronto on Tuesday.
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Guess who's back? Jays hire Gibbons

MLB. Crazy week in Toronto takes another wild turn with hiring of former manager

In one of the most hectic 24-hour periods in team history, the Toronto Blue Jays saved the biggest surprise for last.

Hot on the heels of having their mammoth 12-player trade with the Miami Marlins approved by Major League Baseball and finalizing a contract with controversial free-agent outfielder Melky Cabrera, the Blue Jays unexpectedly named John Gibbons as their new manager Tuesday.

Gibbons returns to the Toronto dugout after managing the Blue Jays from 2004 to 2008.

"This came as a big surprise to me," Gibbons said at a Rogers Centre press conference. "It's really a thrill and an honour to be back. I never would have guessed that this could happen."

Gibbons, who had a 305-305 record in his first stint with the Blue Jays, says he has some unfinished business to take care of in a city starved for a winner.

"We did a lot of good things while I was here, but nothing great," he said. "I think something good is going to happen here."

Gibbons, 50, became manager of the Blue Jays in 2004 when then-general manager J.P. Ricciardi fired Carlos Tosca. He was eventually fired in June 2008 and replaced by Cito Gaston, who had led the team to World Series championships in 1992 and 1993.

And with the player moves the team made in the last week, he's excited to get a second chance.

"There are too many good baseball people who are running things and putting it together," Gibbons said. "It's going to happen, so why not be there when it does?"

Those people are led by general manager Alex Anthopoulos, who stunned the baseball world last week when word leaked that the Blue Jays and Marlins had agreed to a trade that saw Toronto acquire all-star shortstop Jose Reyes and pitchers Josh Johnson and Mark Buehrle.

He followed that up by signing Cabrera to a two-year deal worth $16 million US.

"The front office has put together a legitimate, contending-type team," said Gibbons, who ranks third all-time in victories with Toronto. "Now it's the manager's job and the coaching staff's job to pull it together as a team and get the most out of these guys. That's our No. 1 job." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Clubhouse controversy

John Gibbons' best year in Toronto came in 2006, when the club went 87-75 to finish second in the AL East — the same season he had well-publicized blowups with players Shea Hillenbrand and Ted Lilly.

- Gibbons said he regrets the physical altercation with Hillenbrand, but Anthopoulos defended him and said if you can't play for Gibbons then you can't play for too many guys.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	8	1	.889	—
Brooklyn	6	2	.750	11/2
Miami	8	3	.727	1
Milwaukee	6	3	.667	2
Philadelphia	7	4	.636	2
Charlotte	5	4	.556	3
Atlanta	5	4	.556	3
Boston	6	5	.545	3
Chicago	5	5	.500	31/2
Indiana	5	7	.417	41/2
Orlando	3	7	.300	51/2
Toronto	3	8	.273	6
Cleveland	2	8	.200	61/2
Detroit	2	9	.182	7
Washington	0	9	.000	8

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	8	2	.800	—
Memphis	8	2	.800	—
San Antonio	8	3	.727	1/2
Oklahoma City	8	3	.727	1/2
Minnesota	5	4	.556	21/2
Golden State	6	5	.545	21/2
Utah	6	6	.500	3
Dallas	6	6	.500	3
Portland	5	5	.500	3
L.A. Lakers	5	5	.500	3
Denver	5	6	.455	31/2
Houston	4	7	.364	41/2
Phoenix	4	7	.364	41/2
New Orleans	3	6	.333	41/2
Sacramento	2	8	.200	6

Division leaders ranked in top four positions with the best eight teams qualifying for playoffs

Tuesday's results
Philadelphia 106 Toronto 98
New York 102 New Orleans 80
Brooklyn at L.A. Lakers
Monday's results
Indiana 96 Washington 89
Charlotte 102 Milwaukee 98
Atlanta 81 Orlando 72
Denver 97 Memphis 92
Golden State 105 Dallas 101 OT
L.A. Clippers 92 San Antonio 87
Utah 102 Houston 91
Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern
New Orleans at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Oklahoma City, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Houston, 8 p.m.
Denver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
New York at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Brooklyn at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Friday's games
Cleveland at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Indiana, 8 p.m.
New York at Houston, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Denver, 9 p.m.
Sacramento at Utah, 9 p.m.
New Orleans at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Portland, 10 p.m.

76ERS 106, RAPTORS 98

TORONTO (98)
Derozan 8-18 7-8 24, Bargnani 10-21 0-2 22, Calderon 5-10 2-2 13, Lowry 5-14 3-8 13, Valanciunas 3-6 5-6 11, Kleiza 1-3 3-3 5, Johnson 2-5 0-0 4, McGuire 2-3 0-0 4, Davis 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 37-82 20-29 98.
PHILADELPHIA (106)
N. Young 7-13 6-6 23, Richardson 7-14 3-3 21, Holiday 9-21 0-0 19, T. Young 8-13 2-4 18, Turner 5-14 2-2 12, Hawes 2-4 2-2 6, Allen 1-4 2-2 4, Wright 1-2 0-0 3. Totals 40-85 17-19 106.

Toronto	29	22	29	18 — 98
Philadelphia	22	29	22	33 —106

3-Point Goals—Toronto 4-16 (Bargnani 2-5, Lowry 0-4, Calderon 1-3, Kleiza 0-2, Derozan 1-1, Johnson 0-1). Philadelphia 9-24 (Richardson 4-9, Young 3-8, Holiday 1-5, Wright 1-2). **Rebounds—**Toronto 48 (Valanciunas 11, Bargnani 7, Lowry 7, Calderon 5, Derozan 4, McGuire 4, Kleiza 3, Johnson 3, Davis 3, Lucas 1). Philadelphia 41 (Holiday 8, T. Young 7, Allen 6, Turner 5, Wright 4, Hawes 3, N. Young 3, Richardson 3, Brown 2). **Assists—**Toronto 28 (Calderon 12). Philadelphia 25 (Holiday 12). **Total Fouls—**Toronto 20, Philadelphia 23. A—13,965. T—2:12

AHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Manchester	15	8	6	0	1	40	33	17
Worcester	15	7	6	1	1	40	46	16
St. John's	16	8	8	0	0	37	48	16
Portland	15	6	7	1	1	47	49	14
Providence	14	6	7	0	1	30	40	13

NORTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Springfield	14	10	2	0	2	49	23	22
Bridgeport	14	10	4	0	0	49	39	20
Connecticut	14	6	7	1	0	43	48	13
Albany	13	4	5	0	4	30	35	12
Adirondack	14	6	8	0	0	34	44	12

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Syracuse	14	10	2	1	1	54	38	22
Binghamton	13	7	4	1	1	34	34	16
W-B/Scranton	15	8	7	0	0	37	35	16
Norfolk	14	7	7	0	0	43	46	14
Hershey	15	6	8	1	0	39	44	13

WESTERN CONFERENCE

NORTH DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Abbotsford	15	10	2	1	2	45	27	23
Toronto	15	9	5	0	1	53	43	19
Lake Erie	16	9	6	1	0	51	48	19
Rochester	15	8	6	1	0	53	46	17
Hamilton	14	5	7	1	1	31	47	12

MIDWEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Grand Rapids	14	8	4	1	1	52	46	18
Chicago	15	8	5	2	0	43	46	18
Milwaukee	15	6	8	1	0	40	46	13
Rockford	15	6	8	0	1	43	48	13
Peoria	15	5	7	2	1	33	53	13

SOUTH

	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	Pt
Charlotte	16	11	3	0	2	58	39	24
Oklahoma City	15	8	5	1	1	45	45	18
Houston	16	7	6	1	2	56	52	17
Texas	13	6	6	0	1	28	37	13
San Antonio	14	4	8	0	2	33	45	10

Note: Two points awarded for a win, one for an overtime or shootout loss.
Tuesday's results
Hamilton 1 St. John's 3
Manchester 5 Portland 1
Milwaukee 3 Chicago 5

TRANSACTIONS

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Traded INF Robert Andino to Seattle for OF Trayvon Robinson. Selected the contracts of INF Jonathan Schoop and LHP Mike Belfiore from Bowie (EL). Assigned RHP Oliver Drake outright to Norfolk (IL).
BOSTON RED SOX — Named Arnie Beyeler first base coach.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Selected the contracts of OF Jared Mitchell, C Josh Phegley, RHP Andre Rienzo, LHP Santos Rodriguez and RHP Charles Shirek from Charlotte (IL).
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Selected the contracts of OF Tim Fedroff and RHP Chen-Chang Lee from Columbus (IL) and RHP Trey Haley and LHP T.J. House from Akron (EL). Assigned INF Matt LaPorta and INF Brent Lillibridge outright to Columbus. Designated RHP Fabio Martinez for assignment.
DETROIT TIGERS — Selected the contracts of RHP Melvin Mercedes, RHP Bruce Rondon and SS Dixon Machado from Toledo (IL). Released OF Ryan Raburn. Assigned RHP Tyler Stohr outright to Toledo.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Selected the contracts of RHP Jose Cisnero, RHP Jarred Cosart, LHP Brett Olberholtzer and RHP Ross Seaton from Oklahoma City (PCL); OF Robbie Grossman and INF Jonathan Villar from Corpus Christi (TL); and RHP Chia-Jen Lo from Lancaster (Cal). Assigned INF Scott Moore outright to Oklahoma City.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Agreed to terms with RHP Jeremy Guthrie on a three-year contract and C Brett Hayes on a one-year contract. Selected the contracts of LHP Chris Dwyer, LHP Donnie Joseph, LHP John Lamb, LHP Justin Marks, LHP Mike Montgomery and RHP J.C. Gutierrez from Omaha (PCL). Designated RHP Vin Mazzaro, LHP Ryan Verdugo, C Adam Moore, C Brayan Pena, INF Clint Robinson and OF Derrick Robinson for assignment.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Selected the contracts of RHP Ryan Brasier, LHP Brandon Sisk and OF Travis Witherspoon from Salt Lake (PCL).
MINNESOTA TWINS — Selected the contracts of LHP Caleb Thielbar, RHP Kyle Gibson and RHP Tim Wood from Rochester (IL); OF Aaron Hicks (New Britain), C Josmil Pinto (New Britain) and RHP B.J. Hermsen from New Britain (EL); and INF Danny Santana and RHP Michael Tonkin from Fort Myers (FSL). Agreed to terms with RHP Samuel Deduno, RHP Shairon Martis, RHP Luis Perdomo, RHP Esmerling Vasquez, RHP P.J. Walters, OF Brian Dinkleman, OF Wilkin Ramirez, INF James Beresford, INF Deibinson Romero, C Eric Fryer, RHP Tom Boleska and INF Jason Christian on minor league contracts.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Claimed RHP Mickey Storey off waivers from Houston. Selected the contracts of LHP Manny Banuelos and LHP Francisco Rondon from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL); OF Ramon Flores, RHP Brett Marshall and LHP Nik Turley from Trenton (EL); and RHP Jose Ramirez from Tampa (FSL). Announced RHP Dave Herndon refused outright assignment and elected free agency.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Selected the contracts of RHP Arnold Leon, INF Grant Green and OF Shane Peterson from Sacramento (PCL) and RHP Michael Ynoa from Vermont (NYP). Assigned RHP Andrew Carignan outright to Sacramento. Designated RHP Jim Miller and INF Brandon Hicks for assignment.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Agreed to terms with RHP Joel Peralta on a two-year contract.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Named John Gibbons manager. Selected the contracts of SS Ryan Goins and C A.J. Jimenez from New Hampshire (EL). Designated 1B Mike McDade, INF Mike McCoy and RHP Cory Wade for assignment.

NFL

NFL — Reduced the one-game suspension of Baltimore S Ed Reed to a $50,000 fine.
ATLANTA FALCONS — Signed G Harland Gunn.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Signed WR Jordan Shipley. Waived FB Will Ta'ufo'ou.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Signed CB Malcolm Williams to the practice squad.
NEW YORK JETS — Waived WR Jason Hill and LB Marcus Dowtin.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Signed WR Plaxico Burress.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Signed LB Mike Mohamed to the practice squad. Waived LB Rico Council.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed CB Jerome Murphy. Placed S Brandon Meriweather on injured reserve.

NHL

EDMONTON OILERS — Promoted RW Toni Rajala and RW Cameron Abney from Stockton (ECHL) to Oklahoma City (AHL).

AHL

TEXAS STARS — Assigned G Josh Robinson to Idaho (ECHL). Called up D Hubert Labrie from Idaho.
TORONTO MARLIES — Loaned F Leo Komarov to Dynamo Moscow (KHL-Russia).

CFL

PLAYOFFS

DIVISION FINALS

Sunday's results

EAST DIVISION
Toronto 27 Montreal 20

WEST DIVISION
Calgary 34 B.C. 29

100TH GREY CUP

Sunday's game — All Times Eastern
At Toronto
Toronto vs. Calgary, 6 p.m.

CIS FOOTBALL

48TH VANIER CUP

At Toronto
Friday's game — All Times Eastern
Laval vs. McMaster, 7:30 p.m.

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	7	3	0	.700	358	225
N.Y. Jets	4	6	0	.400	202	241
Miami	4	6	0	.400	187	205
Buffalo	4	6	0	.400	230	299

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	9	1	0	.900	293	180
Indianapolis	6	4	0	.600	210	260
Tennessee	4	6	0	.400	219	311
Jacksonville	1	9	0	.100	164	289

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	8	2	0	.800	267	206
Pittsburgh	6	4	0	.600	217	190
Cincinnati	5	5	0	.500	248	237
Cleveland	2	8	0	.200	189	234

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	7	3	0	.700	301	212
San Diego	4	6	0	.400	232	221
Oakland	3	7	0	.300	208	322
Kansas City	1	9	0	.100	152	284

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	6	4	0	.600	267	216
Dallas	5	5	0	.500	211	224
Washington	4	6	0	.400	257	254
Philadelphia	3	7	0	.300	162	252

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	9	1	0	.900	270	193
Tampa Bay	6	4	0	.600	287	230
New Orleans	5	5	0	.500	287	273
Carolina	2	8	0	.200	184	243

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	7	3	0	.700	249	165
Green Bay	7	3	0	.700	263	207
Minnesota	6	4	0	.600	238	221
Detroit	4	6	0	.400	236	246

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	7	2	1	.750	245	134
Seattle	6	4	0	.600	198	161
Arizona	4	6	0	.400	163	196
St. Louis	3	6	1	.350	174	237

WEEK 11

Monday's result
San Francisco 32 Chicago 7
Sunday's results
Dallas 23 Cleveland 20
N.Y. Jets 27 St. Louis 13
Cincinnati 28 Kansas City 6
Atlanta 23 Arizona 19
Houston 43 Jacksonville 37
Washington 31 Philadelphia 6
Green Bay 24 Detroit 20
Tampa Bay 27 Carolina 21
New Orleans 38 Oakland 17
New England 59 Indianapolis 24
Denver 30 San Diego 23
Baltimore 13 Pittsburgh 10

WEEK 12

Thursday's games — All Times Eastern
Houston at Detroit, 12:30 p.m.
Washington at Dallas, 4:15 p.m.
New England at N.Y. Jets, 8:20 p.m.
Sunday's games
Seattle at Miami, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Denver at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
San Francisco at New Orleans, 4:25 p.m.
St. Louis at Arizona, 4:25 p.m.
Green Bay at N.Y. Giants, 8:20 p.m.

SOCCER

MLS CUP

Saturday, Dec. 1 — All Times Eastern
Houston vs. Los Angeles, 4:30 p.m.

UEFA

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

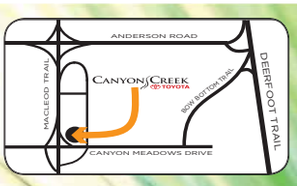
First Round
Tuesday's results
Group E
Juventus (Italy) 3 Chelsea (England) 0
Nordsjaelland (Denmark) 2 Shaktar Donetsk (Ukraine) 5
Group F
BATE Borisov (Belarus) 0 Lille (France) 2
Valencia (Spain) 1 Bayern Munich (Germany) 1
Group G
Spartak Moscow (Russia) 0 Barcelona (Spain) 3
Benfica (Portugal) 2 Celtic (Scotland) 1
Group H
Cluj (Romania) 3 Braga (Portugal) 1
Galatasaray (Turkey) 1 Manchester United (England) 0

GOLF

WORLD RANKING

Through November 19

1. Rory McIlroy	12.59
2. Luke Donald	9.06
3. Tiger Woods	9.00
4. Lee Westwood	6.60
5. Adam Scott	6.59
6. Louis Oosthuizen	6.15
7. Justin Rose	6.08
8. Jason Dufner	5.83
9. Webb Simpson	5.71
10. Brandt Snedeker	5.64
11. Bubba Watson	5.49
12. Phil Mickelson	5.21
13. Ian Poulter	5.16
14. Steve Stricker	5.08
15. Keegan Bradley	4.98
16. Nick Watney	4.94
17. Matt Kuchar	4.88
18. Dustin Johnson	4.81
19. Peter Hanson	4.77
20. Ernie Els	4.69
21. Zach Johnson	4.64
22. Sergio Garcia	4.60
23. Bo Van Pelt	4.44
24. Graeme McDowell	4.37
25. Hunter Mahan	4.17
26. Jim Furyk	3.95
27. Paul Lawrie	3.79
28. Rickie Fowler	3.61
29. Francesco Molinari	3.61
30. Martin Kaymer	3.55



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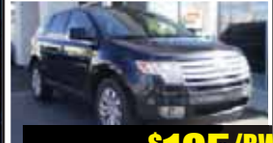

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001322P • 63,000 KM • V6 • AWD

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689653P • 56,500 KM • ACCESS CAB • 4X4

$25,977 OR $206/BW

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042776T • 5-SPEED • TOYOTA SERVICED

was $8,250! $6,382

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338545LP • 56,000 KM • A/C • POWER W/L

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2007 HONDA CIVIC
011253T • 79,000 KM • DX • 5-SPEED

$10,243 OR $95/BW

2006 TOYOTA SOLARA
104310T • 79,000 KM • SLE CONVERTIBLE • LOADED

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Engine

Unchanged is the 268-horsepower 3.5-litre V6, although Toyota has tweaked the engine and installed an updated six-speed transaxle (with a quicker-shifting sport model selector) for improved fuel economy. Although you may have heard about an Avalon hybrid, that model is just destined for the U.S. right now.

The engine is a 3.5 litre V6 with 268 horse power.

2013 Toyota Avalon

- **Type.** Four-door, front-wheel drive, full-size entry level sedan
- **Engines (hp);.** 3.6-litre DOHC V6 (268),
- **Transmission.** Six speed automatic.
- **Base price (incl. destination).** $38,500-$40,500

Design

Overall, the look is more youthful and dramatic, especially the dual grille in front and the sweeping roofline that flows into the rear deck. More importantly, the Avalon now puts more distance between it and the smaller, less-luxury-oriented Camry from which it was spawned. This is a handsome car.

Suspension

The Avalon's suspension has also been beefed up with thicker anti-sway bars and stiffer springs for greater ride control. The electronic power steering system now has had some of its previous numbness dialed back. All of this is good news for a brand that has been previously criticized for its 1970s-era mushy handling traits.

Review. Lose the Lexus and save with the stylish new Avalon

MALCOLM GUNN
Wheelbase Media

As competent as the 2013 Avalon is, the car has traditionally walked a fine line between its spot as Toyota's top-level sedan and the entry-luxury Lexus ES that is a portal to Toyota's upmarket division.

That situation isn't likely to change for the 2013 model year with the arrival of the next-generation Avalon. Fortunately, however, the big sedan no longer dwells in the Camry's shadow, where it has performed in relative obscurity since its 1995 model-year arrival. The all-new edition receives more defining sheet metal courtesy of Toyota's Calty Design Research Division.

The Avalon's new and radically different sheet metal translates into a larger appearance, which is entirely illusionary, since the car is slightly thinner than the 2012 version.

The new Avalon rides on the same basic platform and maintains the same distance between the front and rear wheels, yet the additional use of high-strength steel has helped reduce overall heft by a claimed 55 kilograms.

There shouldn't be any criticism leveled at its redesigned interior with its concave-shaped dashboard that exudes luxury. Leather-covered seats with improved side bolstering are standard, as is a large and legible touch-screen panel. Add a total of 10 standard airbags to the mix and you almost have to wonder why anyone would head over to the Lexus store for their premium sedan fix.

Here in Canada, the Avalon will be available in two trim levels beginning with the XLE ($38,500), followed by the Limited, which costs about $40,500.

Most importantly, however, Toyota's flagship should appeal to a wider audience that has likely passed on previous versions for their general lack of personality and for those who actually like to drive. Not anymore.

8 To watch in 2014

Industry buzzwords such as 'efficiency' and 'technology' remain at the top of the want list for auto builders and buyers. But as the 2014 models move from concept to showrooms, it's clear that styling, creature comforts and power are also on the list. Below is a look at eight of the most anticipated cars coming to a dealership near you, and some reasons why enthusiasts can't wait to kick the tires.

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Mazda 6

In a bold attempt to find a place in the ultra-competitive mid-size sedan market, this latest Mazda entry hopes to cut into a segment dominated by heavyweights such as the Toyota Camry, as well as recently redesigned models such as the Honda Accord, Nissan Altima and Ford Fusion.

A business split from the Ford Motor Company in 2010 puts pressure on Mazda to do it all by itself, and the initial reviews suggest the Mazda6 passes the performance test. It's also considered Mazda's most important entry since the Miata had its facelift in 2008.

Cadillac ELR

In an effort to take the "Caddy" nameplate into greener pastures, this plug-in hybrid is designed to target a wealthier demographic that wants efficiency without the claustrophobia of a shrunken hybrid compact.

The ELR is a stylish and sleek two-door coupe that carries the same platform and powertrain as the Chevrolet Volt, but provides more cabin space for added luxuries and comfort. Expected to debut late in 2013, the base price will list around $55,000, or about $13,000 more than the Volt.

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Volkswagen Golf

In an ongoing effort to build buzz and appeal, VW believes its edgier Golf finally hits the mark. The seventh-generation entry of this German mainstay will reach North American showrooms in the first quarter of 2014 with a longer, wider and lower look than its predecessors, yet tip the scales 100 kilograms lighter.

Styling tweaks to the grille and a lower build have finally brought the Golf into the "now" generation and postured it to become competitive against the traditional segment killers. Will VW slash the price like it did with the highly successful Passat and Jetta models? We'll see.

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Jaguar F-Type Roadster

From the moment rumours met production of the long-awaited return of a Jaguar roadster, potential popularity met reality with 2,000 pre-orders already in the books.

Jaguar expects to sell about 10,000 units back in the U.K. and a few thousand more in North America as it takes direct aim at the Porsche 911 and Mercedes-Benz SLK. The base model — expected to list at about $75,000 — will use a supercharged V6 engine rated at 340 horsepower. A higher output V6 and a V8 will also be offered.

Chevrolet Corvette

There are very few vehicle launches that tap more into the North American consciousness than a new 'Vette hitting the floor and the C7 shouldn't disappoint.

Specific changes for the 2014 model are being closely guarded in anticipation of a debut in early 2013. But in the looks department, expect the C7 to have a slightly slimmer build with a striking split-window treatment option similar to the old Sting Ray from exactly 60 years ago. Chevrolet has already released info on the new 6.2-litre LT1-designated V8 (pictured below). With 11.5:1 compression and direct fuel injection, expect about 450 horsepower and similar torque as the current 7.0-litre Corvette Z06 below 4,000 revs.

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Chevrolet Impala

Finally, Chevrolet has put some pizzazz into what is best known as a police cruiser or a rental-car staple. Using a more refined interior and loads of fresh technology, the 10th-generation Impala will likely leave all its predecessors in the dust. A long way in the dust, actually.

Built on the same platform as the Cadillac XTS and the Buick LaCrosse, the Impala will offer three engine choices — the familiar 3.6-litre V6, a 2.5-litre four-cylinder and the 2.4-litre four-cylinder "eAssist" powerplant with a special electric motor/alternator that applies torque via its drive belt.

Porsche 918 Spyder

A Porsche sports-car hybrid? Sounds like blasphemy, but the new Spyder — at about $850,000 US — is apparently the successor to the mighty Carrera GT.

This high-tech machine will be powered by a V8 engine that Porsche promises will produce at least 500 horsepower, helping it reach 60 m.p.h (96 km/h) in barely three seconds with a top speed of 320 km/h. All of this while its two electric motors can make about 218 horsepower by themselves. The Spyder features a combined fuel consumption rating of about 78 miles per U.S. gallon when puttering around town, and when running on electric only, this next-gen Porsche carries a range of 20 kilometres at speeds up to 150 km/h.

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Honda Accord Plug-In Hybrid

Launching an all-new Honda Accord sedan is one thing, but adding a plug-in hybrid version seems to skip a couple of steps on the evolutionary ladder.

While Honda's hybrid systems have typically been a step behind Toyota's, since the electric motors can't power the wheels all by themselves, the new Accord plug-in hybrid will catch up in one fell swoop with a non-hybrid version soon after in 2013. Honda's ace is improved engineering to a battery pack that will go about 15-20 kilometres in all-electric mode and offer a total driving range of more than 800 kilometres. At about $40,000, the hybrid will be the priciest of the Accord family, with the only real competitors being the Prius Plug-In and the Chevrolet Volt.

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Are we going 'soft' on car quality?

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Look closely, the quality is in the detail. Cars from three or four decades ago have very different problems than today's vehicles. HANDOUT

Vehicle quality used to be easy to describe. A window crank falling off in your hand? That was bad quality. A window crank not falling off? That was good quality.

Now most cars have fewer and fewer defects from the factory. So how are we assessing vehicle quality in this modern era?

Well the fine people at J.D. Power and Associates — who have been measuring initial vehicles after 90 days of ownership, every year for the last 26 — have determined that we're getting "soft" when it comes to assessing quality.

By "soft" they mean that we're more concerned about how well things work, rather than whether they work or not, because, well, they almost always do work.

Dave Sargent is the vice-president at J.D. Power and Associates and heads up its Global Automotive practice. Last week, he spoke at the AutoTalk Canada conference in Toronto, and expounded about this evolution of quality perception.

He started his talk by noting that quality remains of paramount importance to consumers and that nothing else drives satisfaction, loyalty and image to the same degree.

He also noted that the customer's perception of what constitutes quality is constantly evolving and will continue to do so. For one thing, we get used to great quality, and move on to things that tick us off.

This has meant quality issues are bleeding into areas we normally thought of as design. Basically, poor design is now seen as poor quality and customers consider these design problems as being just as severe as defects.

And the area most affected by poor design and subsequent "soft" problems is the interface between driver and vehicle. The infotainment and inter-connected wonderland is now the new quality battleground.

According to Sargent, for the first time in the 26-year history of the study, owners report more problems related to audio, entertainment and navigation system than in any other vehicle area.

Speaking about the technological wonders coming in this area, Sargent had this to say: "Customers are excited. They are also confused and fearful. They need help."

The nature of the problems here are what's causing the confusion and fear. Take voice command for example, which has become the most-often-reported problem in the industry. If it doesn't work as you had hoped or expected, you have to live with it for the whole time you own the vehicle.

Your dealer could fix your window crank problem in one short visit. But he is often powerless to make your voice command system work to your satisfaction. And when this happens, it happens to every one of the units made, not just the ones where a line worker forgot to tighten the window crank.

Sargent believes dealerships could better support consumers in this area by doing a better job of explaining how these systems work during the delivery process. But he also noted another problem — consumers are becoming increasingly skeptical about the dealership's ability to handle today's complex vehicles.

Oh boy. Can't you just hear the automotive folks pining for the old days, when their major warranty problem was just loose nuts, and maybe a bit of rust.

A clean filter means a healthier car

Driving Force.
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Clean air is always a must, especially when it comes to cars. Your vehicle contains air filters, which should be changed periodically to maintain your engine's health, as well as your own.

All engines use air filters, which remove dirt and particles before they can enter the combustion chamber. Most new cars also contain cabin filters, usually located in the dash behind the glove box, which clean the air in your heating and cooling system as it circulates.

"If you've left (the filter) for two years or more, it can become clogged," says Michael Minialoff, manager of automotive parts for Canadian Tire. "Not only do you not get effective heat, but your defroster won't work as well as it should, and ventilation will be compromised."

The filter handles fresh air that comes in through exterior vents, as well as that which recirculates from the cabin through the heating and air conditioning ducts.

"It's kind of shocking how much debris can end up in there," Minialoff says. "The air inside your vehicle can be up to six times dirtier than the air outside, with road dust, debris, pet hair, pollen, or anything that could be floating around. These are paper filters and they should be changed about once a year or every 24,000 kilometres."

Your engine also contains an air filter, and it's a very important one. Gasoline must mix with air before it will burn, and for every litre of fuel, your engine will use 10,000 to 12,000 litres of air. All of this air is filtered to prevent dirt from entering and possibly damaging the engine.

Engine filters used to be made primarily of paper and were often checked by holding them up to a light — if the light didn't shine through, the filter was clogged and needed replacement. Today's filters contain several types of materials. "This changes the opacity, so holding it up to a light really doesn't tell you anything," Minialoff says. "It should be changed following the recommended guidelines, either in your owner's manual or on the filter box."

Air filters should be changed more frequently if you regularly drive on dusty roads, in stop-and-go traffic, travel only short distances when your engine doesn't fully warm up, or if you're pulling a trailer or hauling heavy loads.

Tips

- **Seats.** Some premium vehicles have air-conditioned seats. These may contain small filters, which should be changed when recommended.
- **Follow manual.** Replacing a cabin air filter isn't difficult and instructions can be found in your owner's manual or on the filter box.
- **Replace if need be.** Change your engine air filter when recommended: A dirty one will affect your fuel economy.

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Give a dog a bone

The Craftsman Dog Bone is actually eight swivel-head wrenches in one (four at each end) and should save you plenty of aggravation during those times when you're working on your vehicle and can't seem to locate the right-sized socket. Sizes include 3/8, 7/16, 1/2, 9/16, 5/8, 11/16, 3/4, and 13/16 of an inch (metric sizes also available). The Dog Bone has also been designed so as not to round off the edges of bolts and nuts and it has a built-in 3.5-kilogram-strength magnet that can be used to attach nuts and bolts, oil pan drain plugs or any other metal objects. This item is available at most Sears stores, or online for $13 US. sears.com

New Ferrari - $2,800

When it comes to pedal cars, why should kids have all the fun? The Ferrari FXX Exclusive pedal go-cart is advertised by the manufacturer, Berg Toys, as being suitable for anyone from ages 5-99. In fact, this officially licensed Ferrari product is no toy, but is a four-wheel cycle vehicle with seven-speed gearing, front disc brakes, alloy wheels, an on-board computer to record top speed, distance travelled and lap times. So why spend $2,800 US on fitness equipment? Go to bergtoys.com for details.

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Bank on the Borrego if you are chasing a 4x4 bargain

Second Gear. 2009 to 2011 Kia Borrego

HANDOUT

Kia's questionably-timed attempt to enter the large 4x4 SUV marketplace resulted in the Borrego—a full-sized, fully-featured sport-ute geared to families after affordable access to a premium, off-road ready driving experience. With three seating rows and feature content including heated seats, navigation, a sunroof, automatic climate control and a power tilt steering wheel, Borrego was admirably equipped relative to its price range. Despite earning much praise from a happy owners community, the model was cancelled after just 3 years on sale.

Common Issues

Have the underside inspected for signs of damage caused by possible careless off-roading, and have a Kia mechanic look for leaks from the transfer case, engine, transmission and rear differential. Also, confirm proper operation of the four-wheel drive system, making double sure it switches in and out of its various drive modes as expected and without any warning lights.

Ensure that any V8-powered model you're considering doesn't emit a rattling or ticking sound at idle, and that it doesn't smoke at start up. Inside, ensure the power tailgate and climate controls all work properly. Be sure to play with the navigation system, if so equipped, to make sure it's operating as expected. Some owners report that the unit may freeze up and require replacement.

Engine

Standard power came from a 3.8 litre, 276 horsepower V6, though a 337-horsepower, 4.6 litre V8 was available. All models got a five-speed automatic and four-wheel drive.

What Owners Like

Borrego's strong points include size, cargo carrying capacity, and interior flexibility. Overall performance and some high-end touches within the interior are also highly rated.

What Owners Dislike

Mandatory SUV-related fuel-consumption complaints aside, Borrego owners wished for easier access to the third row of seats, and a smoother ride.

Verdict

A Borrego that checks out mechanically and electronically should prove a more affordable alternative to a Ford Explorer or Honda Pilot. Opt for a model with as much of its warranty remaining as possible for extra peace of mind.

Let the pros ensure your safety this winter

Five top tips. Preparation and patience are key

Consider how many times during the holiday season you will get behind the wheel, with endless trips to pick up gifts, food, supplies and visiting loved ones. But despite the reputation of Canadians as cold weather warriors, winter driving can still be daunting for many of us. Add in unpredictable weather, slick roads and poor visibility and even the most confident drivers hesitate to turn the ignition.

Members of The Circle of Honour program — a dedicated group of active drivers — have maintained a clean driving record for 25 years or more and have logged more than eight billion accident-free kilometres on the road. That's enough kilometres to circle the earth 188,000 times. So here are five winter driving tips to keep you safe this season, courtesy of the Circle of Honour.

Prep for winter in the fall.
Be proactive and get your car serviced before the cold weather hits. Check your oil, washer fluid and brakes. Invest in a pair of tires specifically for winter driving. Make sure your battery is charged, confirm all lights are working, get quality windshield wipers and test the heating/cooling system.

Monitor the weather.
Winter weather can change on a dime, so take a minute to check the report before you hit the road. If there has been a recent snowfall, avoid side streets and shortcuts — those are the last places to see the snowplow. Also be cautious of black ice.

Drive safely with a clear view.
When you're clearing your car of snow, don't overlook the roof, hood and trunk. Snow can fly up and unexpectedly obscure visibility once you're on the road. Mirrors should always be wiped clear and headlights should be clean.

Always be prepared
Create an emergency kit containing non-perishable snacks, bottled water, maps, flashlight, blankets, toilet paper, de-icer, washer fluid and an extra windshield brush. Keep an extra shovel in the trunk as well — you'll be glad if you ever get caught needing it.

It's not a race.
Arriving safely should be your goal. Leave yourself extra time to reach your destination so you don't feel pressured to rush. Speed is one of the biggest causes of motor accidents. If you're a confident, safe driver, always remember that the other drivers may not be. NEWS CANADA

Be prepared and safe for days like this. NEWS CANADA

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Life is good and about to get even better. You can't quite believe that? Well, you will when you begin to see that everything is going your way at last. Keeping a positive attitude is easy when so many positive things are happening.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
The atmosphere at work may be less than harmonious today but don't make a big deal of it. Some of your colleagues are going through difficulties at the moment but it isn't your fault, so don't take it to heart.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Why are you still hung up about what a certain person said? Why can't you let it go? Maybe it's because you recognize there was an element of truth in it. So what? You never claimed to be perfect.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
If you allow too many thoughts to run through your head today, you will be easily confused. That, in turn, will lead to mistakes. Focus on the one thing that matters. More than one and you may mentally exhaust yourself.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
With the Sun beginning its transit of the most dynamic area of your chart, you honestly believe that all things are possible — and they are. Don't let anyone tell you that your dream is unattainable. They're wrong.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
The harder you have worked in recent weeks, the more you will need to relax a bit now. Spend time with your family and loved ones and don't think you have to do everything yourself. You've done enough.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Do what feels right to you today and don't worry in the slightest if other people disagree with you. They have no right to dictate what you should think, say or do — and you have a right to be yourself.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Make sure you keep a smile on your face over the next 24 hours. You have important matters to deal with and the burden you bear is considerable, but you'll bear it better if you think and look happy.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Everyone knows what you are capable of so you don't have to prove yourself in any way. Having said that, cosmic activity in your birth sign means you want to put on a show. Make it the best show.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
The Sun's change of signs today will encourage you to think deeply about your life and its meaning. Some people may say it doesn't have meaning and that your existence is hollow. But they are wrong, and you know it.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Try not to take anything too seriously today. According to the planets, you need to lighten up a little and the best way to do that is in the company of some of your way out friends. They'll make you laugh.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
The Sun's change of signs today will make you even more ambitious than usual, and that's good. However, your ambitions need to be tempered by the realization that causes always have consequences. Think before you act. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword

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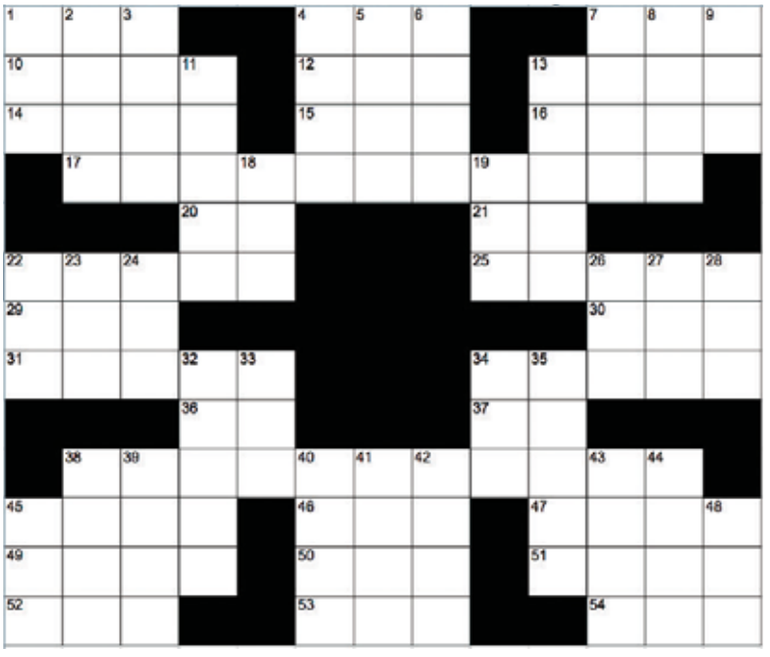
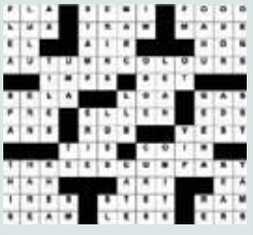


Across
1. Auto navigational device (abbr.)
4. Food scrap
7. Term of respect
10. Israeli airlines
12. Foot digit
13. E-mail request
14. Actress —– Flynn Boyle
15. Small amount
16. Operatic solo
17. "You Belong with Me" singer/songwriter (2 words)
20. Shoe width
21. Railway extension
22. Crown
25. Student assignment
29. Airport info.
30. Summer cooler
31. Ogles
34. Breakfast order
36. Model railroad gauge
37. Musical group: – Vogue
38. Praises
45. Alike
46. Poem
47. Spring flower
49. Chocolate cookie
50. Geese formation
51. Work for a living
52. Lair
53. Have dinner
54. Actor of Lethal Weapon movies

Down
1. Hair product
2. A flat area of ground
3. Gilbert of The Talk
4. Beetle Bailey's pooch
5. Lion sound
6. Turner and Knight
7. Slave
8. Name abbr.
9. Star of Stargate: SG-1 (init.)
11. Hen
13. Glides
18. Jamie — Curtis
19. Tiny
22. Sophia's husband on The Golden Girls
23. Prior to
24. Anger
26. Bag-like structure
27. "Much – About Nothing"
28. Japanese currency
32. —– and Juliet
33. Steep
34. Stinging insect
35. Little Orphan —
38. Children's classic: The — Bears
39. Auspice
40. The — Boat
41. Brainstorm
42. Greet
43. British transport
44. Procreate
45. Grass
48. Weekend variety show (init.)

Yesterday's Crossword



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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

1			4		3			
6	9						4	7
	7			2		8		
	5		1	4				8
		7				6		
3				9	8		2	
		5		6			8	
9	4						6	5
			2		1			9

Yesterday's Sudoku

Weather

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAX: -5° MIN: -9°	MAX: -9° MIN: -16°	MAX: 4° MIN: -9°

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